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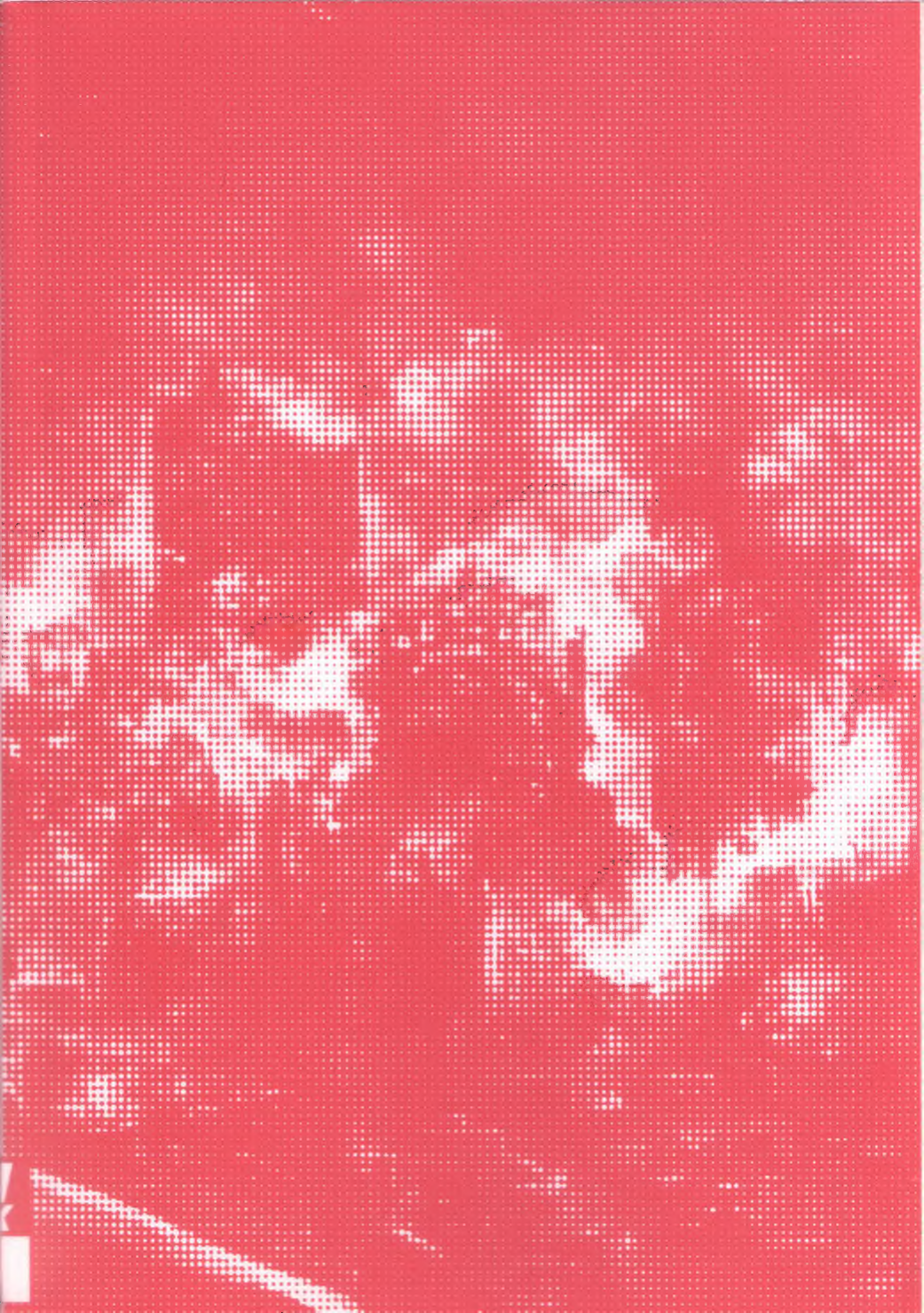

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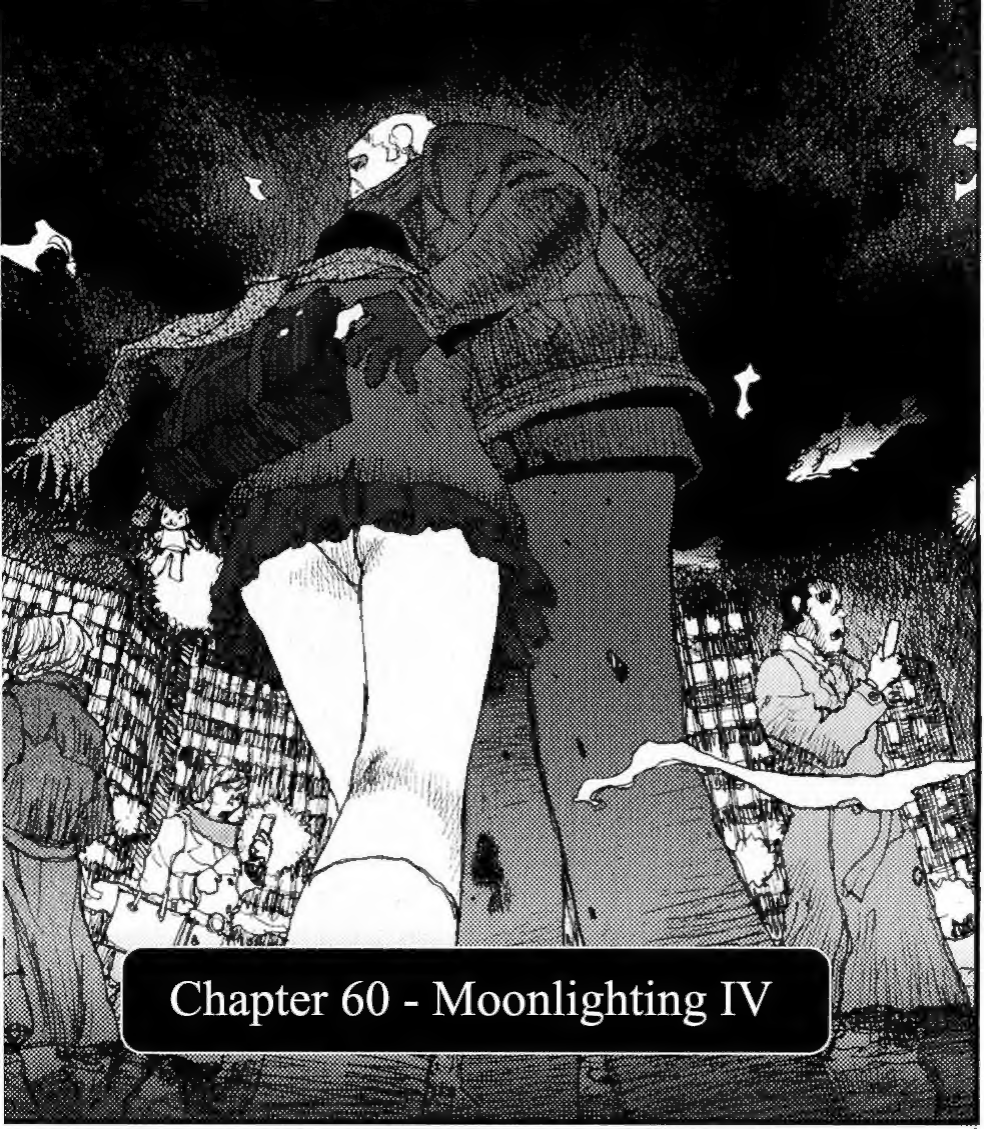
Chapter 60 - Moonlighting IV

PROST-
ITUTION,
HUH.
OHH,
...
HUH?
WHAT
IS IT,
SIR?
YES?
...HEY.

NO-
THING.
AH...
NO,
...

BEEBOP
THAT BRAT IS THE MYSTERY STREET KILLER..?
Y-YOU'RE TELLING ME...
BEEBOP
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KANO'S GONE..!
SHIT..!
HEY!
BEEBOP
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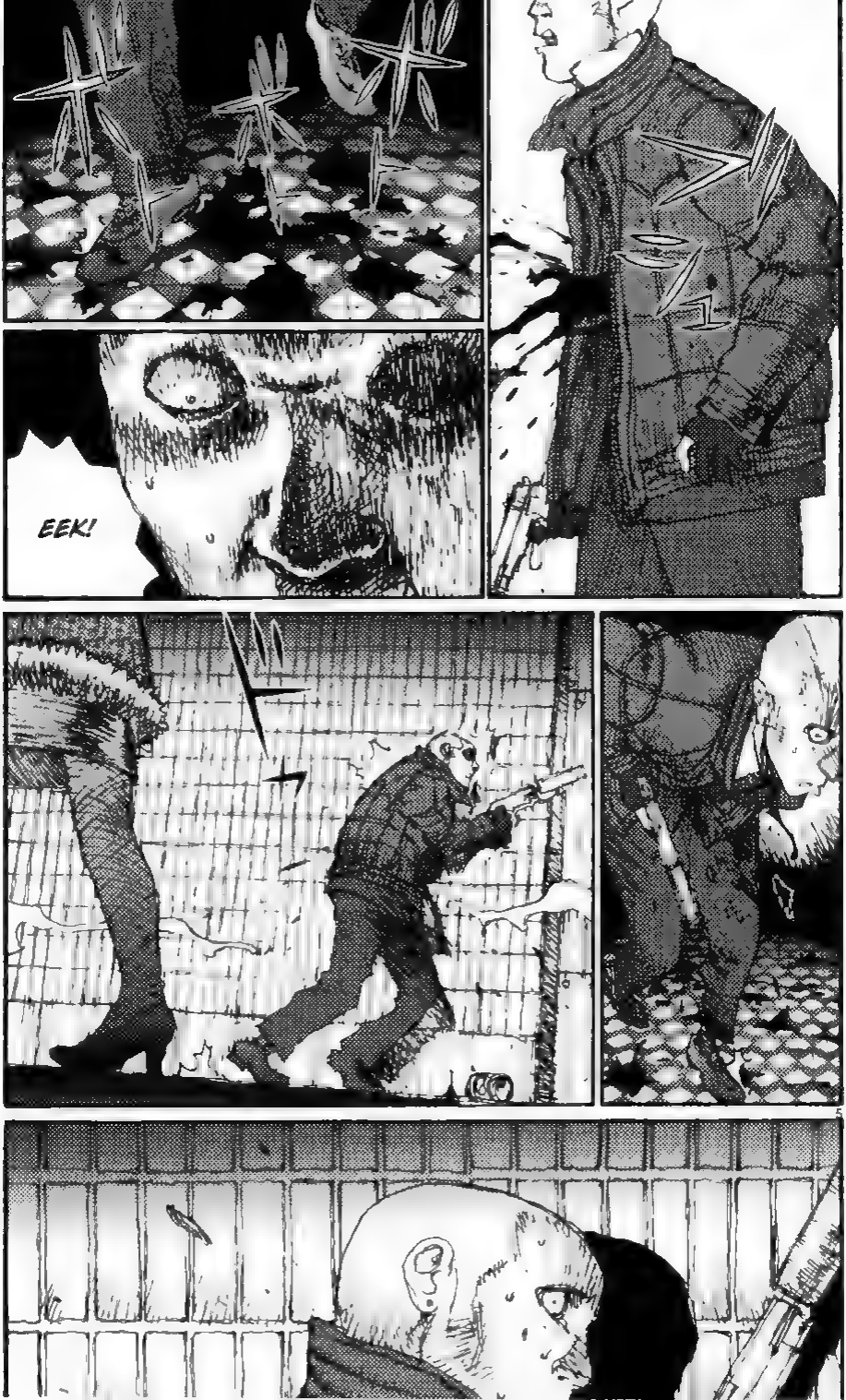
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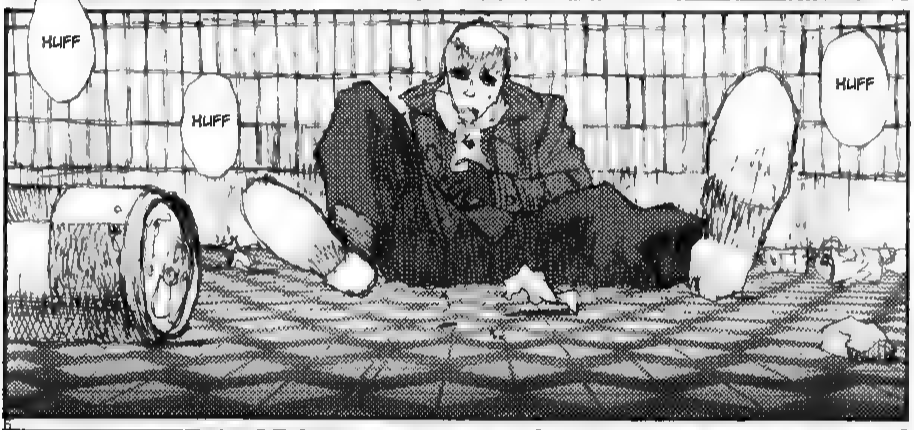
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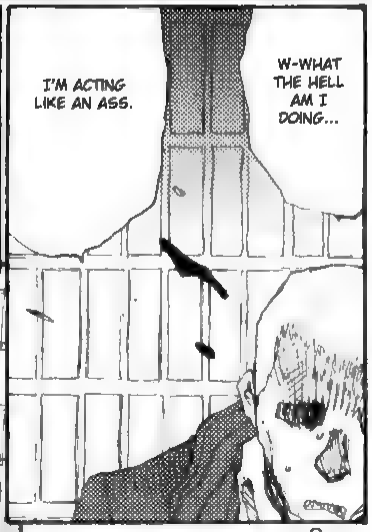
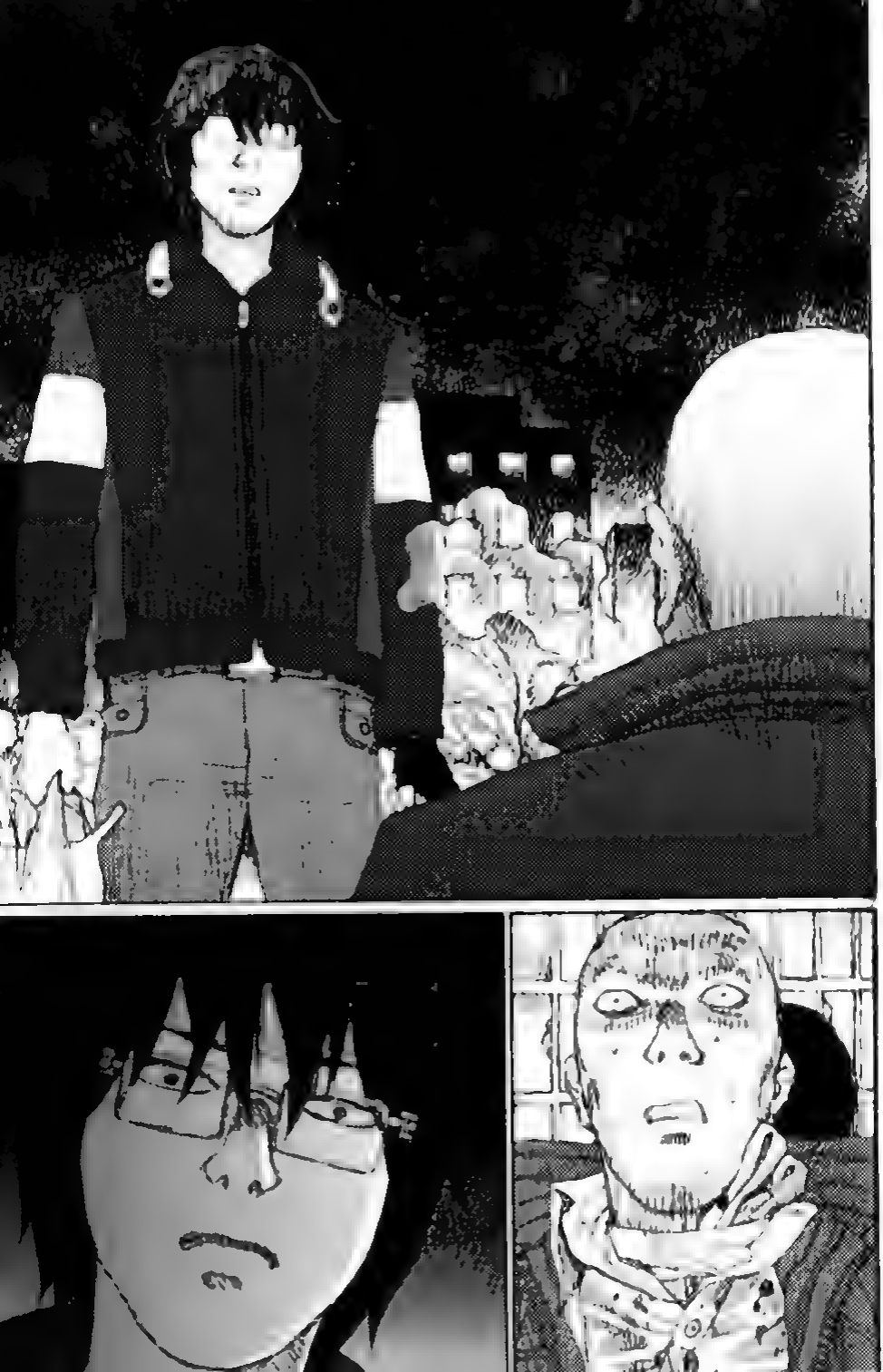

I'M ACTING LIKE AN ASS.
W-WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING...



.. KANO.
WHEN DID YOU NOTICE I WAS TAILING YOU?
BASTARD ...
I'D ALREADY ANTICIPATED IT.
AND I NEVER HAD TO NOTICE ANYTHING.
THIS WHOLE TIME.

SO YOU'LL GET TO ME EVEN IF I TRY AND RUN...
YOU'VE GOT SHARP SENSES, ...
YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE YOU KNOW HOW TO BEAT ME.
HAH...
I DO.
SO I WENT AROUND SHOPPING TO KILL SOME TIME.
BUT I DIDN'T WANT YOU FOLLOWING ME TO MY HOUSE...
SPIT IT.
IT'S A SECRET.

BUT I'M THE WINNER...
WE'LL SEE.
YOU'RE JUST BLUFFING.
WH-WHAT THE HELL,
AREN'T I?
BASTARD...

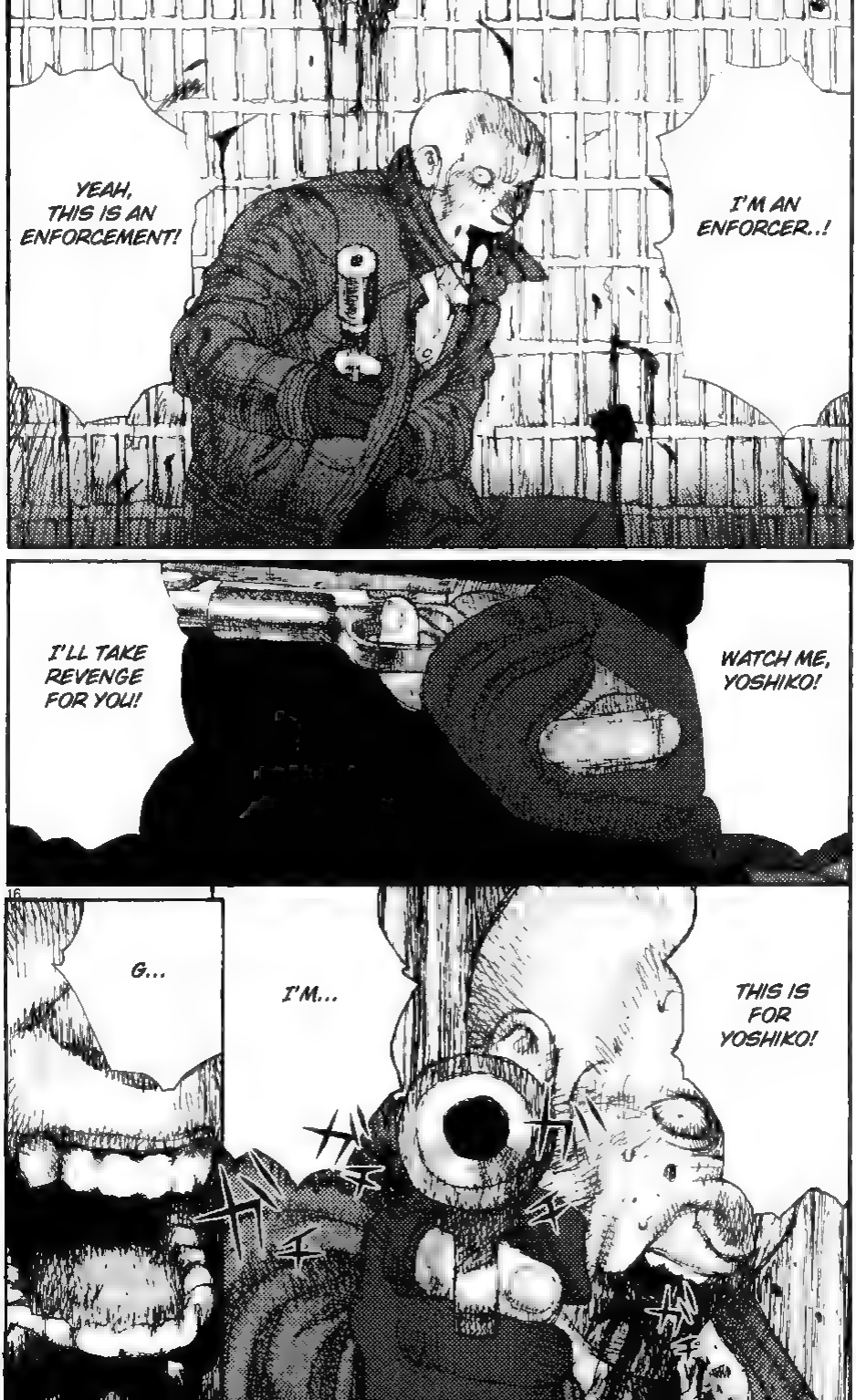
I-IT'S NOT... OVER YET...
DON'T FUCK WITH ME...
I DIDN'T SHOW UP HERE TO FIGHT YOU.
DON'T GET ME WRONG...
WATCHING YOUR PREDICAMENT FROM A SAFE DISTANCE...
I'M JUST A BY-STANDER, ...
HE'S BLEEDING.
HEY, CHECK IT OUT.
WHAT'S GOING ON?

KANO!
WHA...

DO YOU SEE,...
MR. MIZOGUCHI?
TO THE HERBIVORE.
THIS IS NATURAL INSTINCT, ...

HEE-HEE-HEE!
HEE..!
ALRIGHT, FINE!
HEE-HEE-HEE-HEE-HEE-HEE!
EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU!
I'LL HUNT DOWN-

!
BLEARGH ..!
UCK!
I CAN STILL FIGHT!
NOT YET..!
HUFF
HUFF


YEAH, THIS IS AN ENFORCEMENT!
I'M AN ENFORCER..!
I'LL TAKE REVENGE FOR YOU!
WATCH ME, YOSHIKO!
G...
I'M...
THIS IS FOR YOSHIKO!

DO YOU THINK THAT'S A REAL GUN?
HEY...

IS IT OVER?
THAT WAS PRETTY INTENSE-
HEY, SOMEONE CALL THE POLICE-!
WAIT, ARE YOU SURE THAT WAS ALL ACTING?
SO WHAT WAS THE WHOLE POINT OF THAT...?

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

IT'S THE POLICE!
HEY, MOVE.
YEP, IT'S HIM. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT
THE GUY'S ALMOST DEAD
CONTACT HEAD-QUARTERS IMMEDIATELY!
MOCHIZUKI FROM UNIT 4 REPORTING. WE'VE FOUND THE TARGET DEAD NEAR THE SECTOR C CENTRAL INTERSECTION.
RIGHT... YES, HE'S DEAD
THIS IS FOR ALL OUR COLLEAGUES.
TAKE THIS

...GH.
YEAH- KEEP GOING-!
WAIT ARE THEY REALLY ALLOWED TO DO STUFF LIKE THIS ?
DUDE-!
AWE- SOME-!
THESE ZEBRAS ARE EVERY- WHERE.
REALLY

YOU GOT A NOSE-BLEED AGAIN?
MAYBE YOU NEED TO GET CHECKED UP AT THE HOSPITAL.
HEY, YOU LIST-ENING--?

I JUST GOT MY CLOTHES ALL BLOODY...
I'M FINE, DAD.
BODY? SO THE CULPRIT IS ALREADY DEAD?
THAT'S RIGHT. HE WAS DEAD WHEN THEY DISCOVERED HIM.
IT APPEARS AS THOUGH THEY'VE JUST NOW DISCOVERED THE CULPRIT'S BODY!
NO WAY...
HEY, YOU DON'T HAVE A BOYFRIEND WITH A CAR OR SOMETHING?
AND I'M OVER HERE PICKING UP MY DAUGHTER AFTER WORKING MYSELF TO DEATH.
WHAT IS GOING ON THESE DAYS?

I CONFESSED TO HIM TODAY...
YEAH, ...
YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH, YOU MUST'VE HAD A CRUSH OR TWO.
LOOK... CAN YOU NOT TALK LIKE THAT?
NICE GOIN'-
WHOA-WHOA-WHOA-
FOR REAL!?
NO WAY!
I'M GONNA TELL ON MOM!
YOU SAID YOU WERE GONNA STOP SMOKING..!
AND STOP FLICKING THE ASHES OUTSIDE!

A-A-ALRIGHT.
DON'T GET SO ANGRY, GEEZ...
S-SO?
WHAT?
YOU TOLD HIM, ...
AND THEN WHAT?
C'MON, TELL ME THE REST...

HE DUMPED ME.
FOLLOWING THIS COMMERCIAL BREAK...
WE'LL BRING YOU MORE ON OUR SPECIAL NEWS BROADCAST.
MONITOR: MYSTERY STREET KILLER APPREHENDED!?

WOW... BUT WHY'D THEY KILL HIM?
IS THAT GUY DEAD?
DUDE, DIDN'T YOU SEE WHAT HAPPENED?
DID HE DO SOME-THING?
YEAH... I DUNNO...

Chapter 61 - Media Scrum

...IN THESE DREAMS I'VE BEEN HAVING RECENTLY.
THE CITY'S BURNING, ...
REALLY-?
MAYBE I WAS TIRED FROM WALKING AROUND YESTERDAY.
SO I DIDN'T WAKE UP FEELING TOO GREAT.

YOU LIKE WATCHING THE HOROSCOPE ON "TEN-ASA," RIGHT?
WHY?
LET'S TURN ON THE TV.
OH YEAH-
THIS IS THE TEN-ASA MORNING NEWS! A GOOD POST-SHOOTING MORNING TO EVERYONE!
FIRST, HERE'S OUR FOLLOW-UP ON LAST NIGHT'S SHOOTING IN SECTOR B.
7 CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED THUS FAR-

PROXY "M." WHO WORKS FOR A PROMINENT VENGEANCE ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN THE CITY.
HE'S BEEN IDENTIFIED AS...
AFTER ENGAGING IN A SHOOT-OUT WITH POLICE FORCES.
UH- THE CULPRIT WAS SHOT DOWN, ...
WE'RE ALSO INVESTIGATING HOW "M." ACQUIRED THE WEAPON, AND...
THAT'S STILL UNDER INVEST-IGATION.
HAS THERE BEEN ANY EVIDENCE SUGGESTING THAT "M" WAS ALSO THE MYSTERY STREET KILLER?
WE'LL BRING YOU MORE COVERAGE ON THE SHOOTING INCIDENT LATER TODAY...
OUR HIT SEGMENT, "TEN-ASA HOROSCOPE EXTRA" IS UP NEXT..!

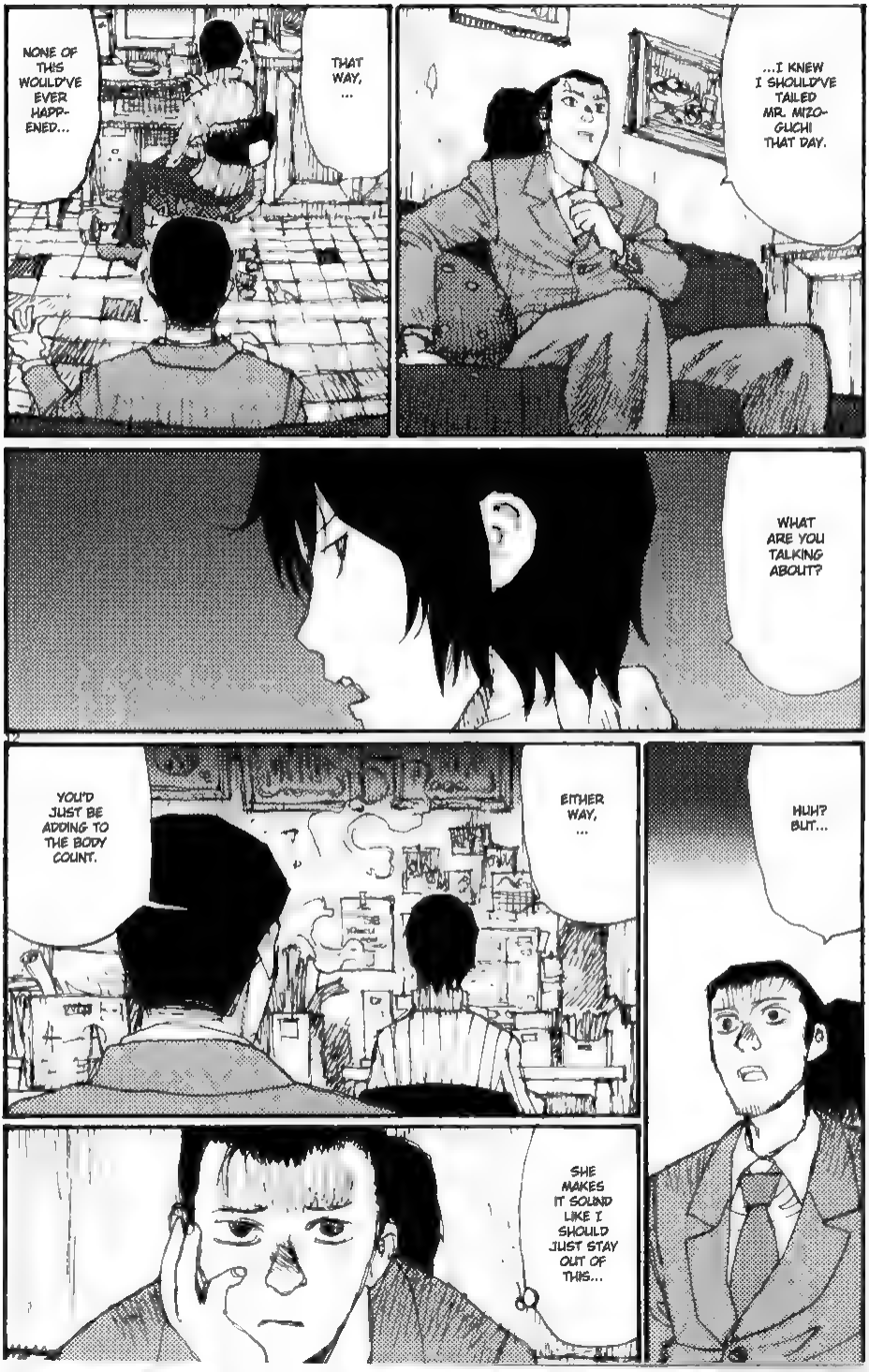
SO HOW COULD SUCH AN INCIDENT EVER OCCUR AT THE HANDS OF A VETERAN PROXY?
ONLY THOSE WITH THE STRONGEST WILLPOWER, DISPLAYING ABSOLUTE COMMITMENT TO THE WRITTEN LAW, ARE PERMITTED TO CARRY OUT ENFORCEMENTS.
IT WAS HARD TO BELIEVE HE WAS REALLY AN ENFORCEMENT PROXY...
I HEARD HIS WIFE SCREAMING ALL THE TIME... LIKE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, I GUESS?
BREAKFAST SET, PLEASE.
WE HAVE AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH THE PROXY'S NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR.
CAPTION: OUR INTERVIEWEE WISHES TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS
INCIDENTALLY, THE NUMBER OF PROXIES HAS ALSO INCREASED TO MEET DEMAND, SUGGESTING THAT QUALITY HAS MARKEDLY DETERIORATED IN RECENT YEARS.
AS INDICATED BY THIS CHART, THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS INVOLVING ENFORCEMENT PROXIES HAS RISEN DRAMATICALLY OVER THE YEARS.

WHO HAD JOINED THE 2ND MOBILE PATROL UNIT JUST LAST MONTH. SHE WAS ONLY 21 YEARS OLD.
AMONG THE VICTIMS WAS OFFICER MONA YAMAGUCHI, ...
山口萌奈巡査（21）
THINGS MIGHT NOT HAVE ESCALATED SO FAR, HUH-?
MAYBE IF THEY STOPPED MAKING LITTLE AMENDMENTS TO THE PROXY ACT, ...
SHUT THE FUCK UP.
OFFICER MONA YAMAGUCHI CAGED 21
AH!
AHH!
YOU'RE MAKING ME LATE FOR WORK-!
MONA WAS ALWAYS AN HONORABLE GIRL. WHEN SHE WAS LITTLE, THERE WAS A STRAY CAT THAT...
THAT'S FUCKING EXPENSIVE-!
MI-TA'S CAT-POT SET!! ORDER NOW AND YOU'LL ALSO GET 8 MI-TAS FOR ONLY 119,800 YEN!!
119,800円
BUT IT APPEARS AS THOUGH NO ONE IS HOME-
PROXY "M" LIVED IN THIS APARTMENT WITH HIS WIFE, ...
702
MS. MATSU-SHITA-
LET'S GIVE HER A CALL.
OUR REPORTER, MS. MATSUSHITA, IS WAITING IN FRONT OF THE CULPRIT'S AGENCY.

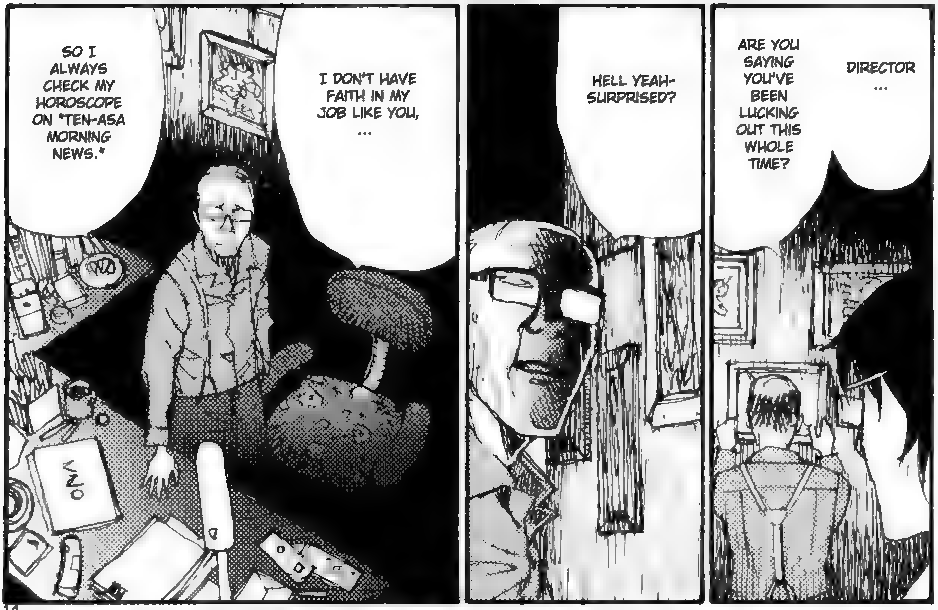
YOU MUST WORK AT THIS AGENCY!
WHOAAA!
ISN'T "M" YOUR CO-WORKER!?
TELL US YOUR THOUGHTS!
YOU DON'T NEED TO BE SO VIOLENT-!
OW OW OW OWW-
WHAT? BUT I DIDN'T...
MEDIA PERSONNEL HAVE PACKED IN FRONT OF THE AGENCY, RESULTING IN MASS CONFUSION!
YES- THIS IS MATSU-SHITA-!

MR. KANO..!
M-
ARE PROXIES ALWAYS THIS VIOLENT!?
AH...
OF COURSE NOT-
IS THIS RUCKUS EVER GOING TO DIE DOWN?
THIS WILL AFFECT WORK, WON'T IT...
ALL THE BUTTONS GOT TORN OFF... AND MY SISTER GAVE ME THIS FOR MY BIRTHDAY...

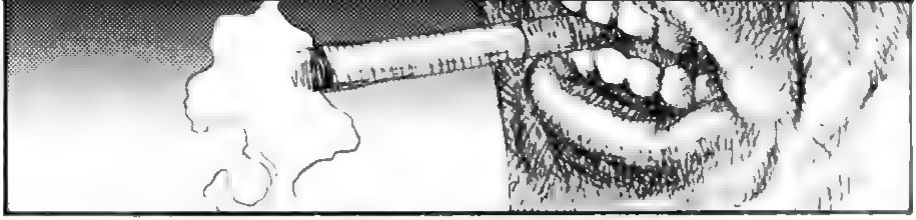
HE'S BEING QUESTIONED ABOUT MIZOGUCHI-KUN.
WITH THE DIRECTOR.
I SAW HIM COME IN JUST NOW.
WHERE'S MR. KANO?
WHY?
HUH?
BUT DOES MR. KANO REALLY KNOW ANYTHING?
OH... RIGHT.
HE WANTS TO KNOW IF KANO-KUN HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS INCIDENT.
BECAUSE YOU KEPT TELLING THE DIRECTOR ABOUT THOSE TWO.
THEY WERE "BUDDIES," RIGHT?
WHO ELSE WOULD KNOW?

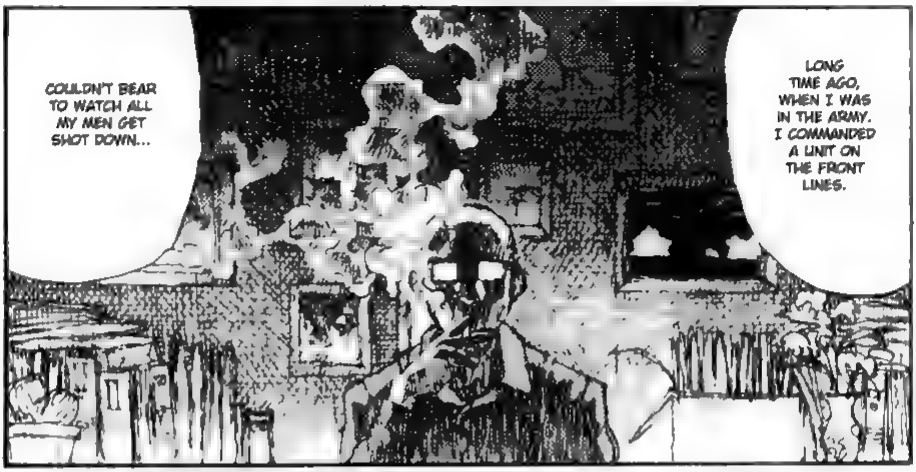

NONE OF THIS WOULD'VE EVER HAPP-ENED...
THAT WAY, ...
...I KNEW I SHOULD'VE TAILED MR. MIZO-GUCHI THAT DAY.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU'D JUST BE ADDING TO THE BODY COUNT.
EITHER WAY, ...
HUH? BUT...
SHE MAKES IT SOUND LIKE I SHOULD JUST STAY OUT OF THIS...

I DID HAVE A PRETTY GOOD RUN THOUGH-
GUESS MY LUCK'S FINALLY RUN OUT, HUH-?

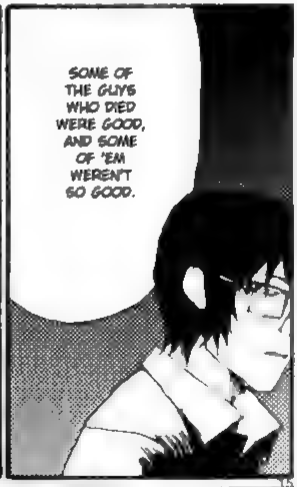

SO I ALWAYS CHECK MY HOROSCOPE ON "TEN-ASA MORNING NEWS."
I DON'T HAVE FAITH IN MY JOB LIKE YOU, ...
HELL YEAH- SURPRISED?
ARE YOU SAYING YOU'VE BEEN LUCKING OUT THIS WHOLE TIME?
DIRECTOR ...

REALLY.
OHH-




COULDN'T BEAR TO WATCH ALL MY MEN GET SHOT DOWN...
LONG TIME AGO, WHEN I WAS IN THE ARMY. I COMMANDED A UNIT ON THE FRONT LINES.

IT REALLY MADE ME THINK ABOUT THAT FINE LINE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH...
ONE OF 'EM DIED JUST FROM GETTING SHOT IN THE ARM.
ANOTHER GUY LIVED THROUGH A BOMB EXPLODING IN HIS FACE.

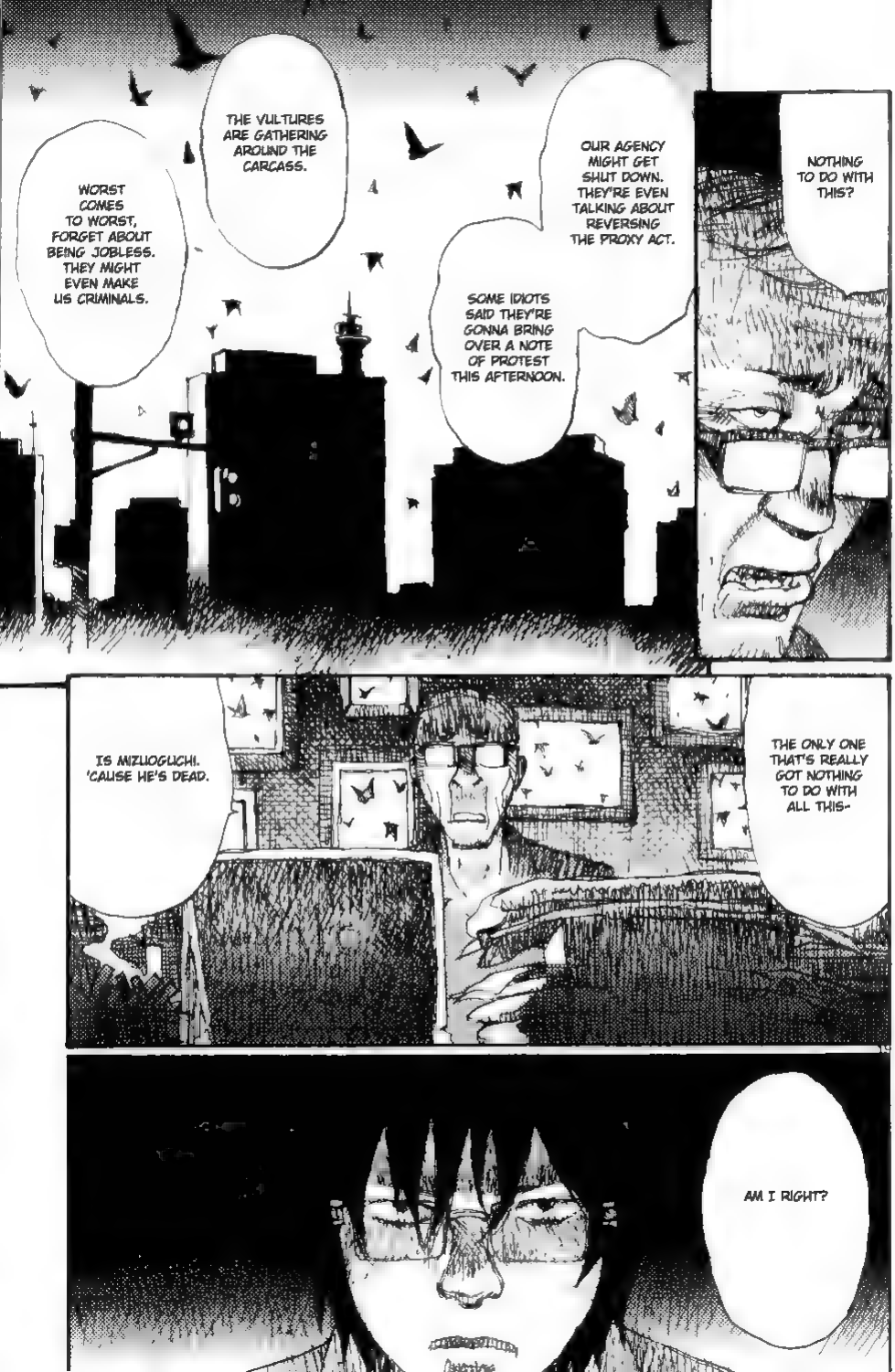

SOME OF THE GUYS WHO DIED WERE GOOD, AND SOME OF 'EM WEREN'T SO GOOD.

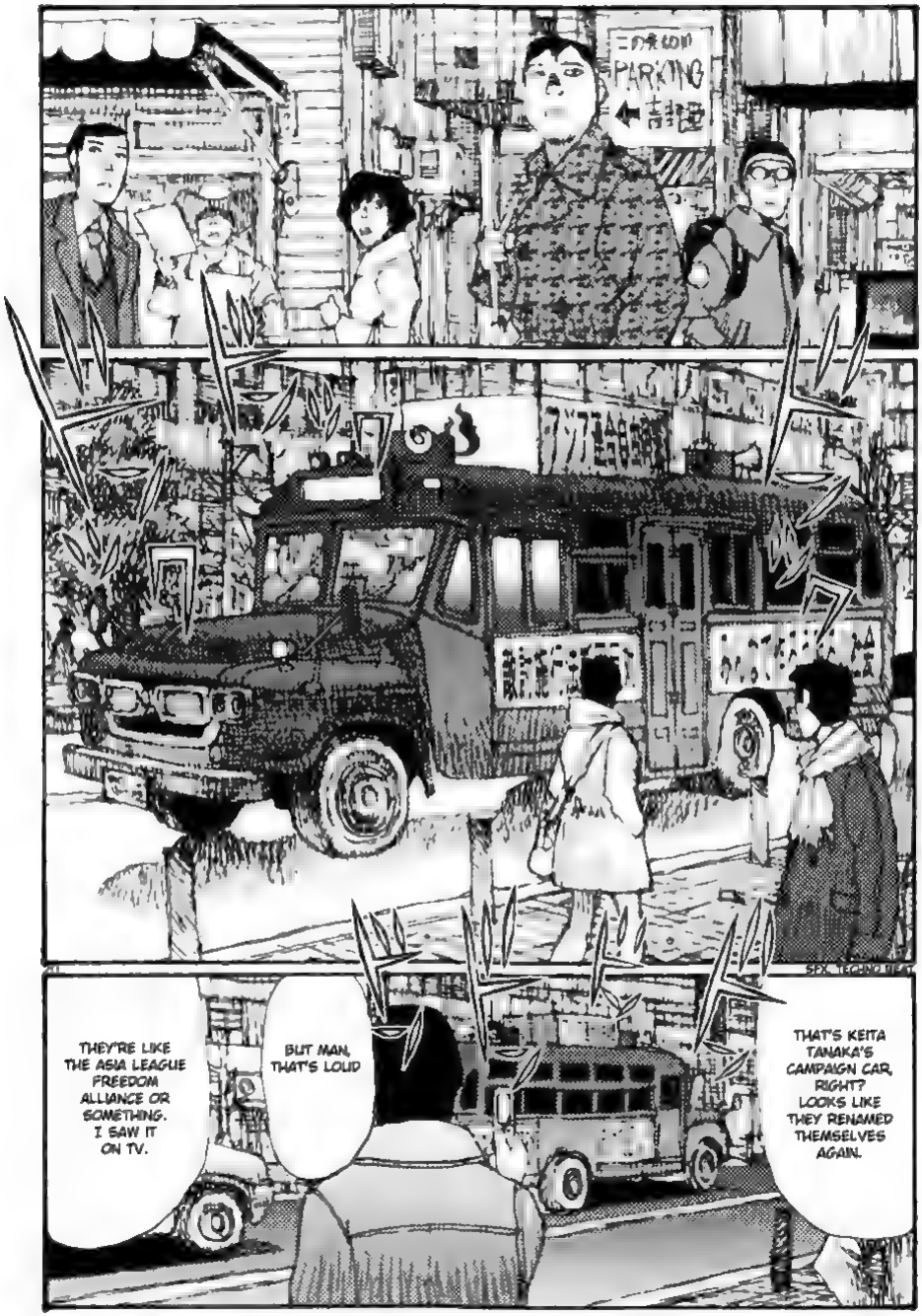
BUT I NEVER GOT MY ANSWER ANYWAYS.
I DIDN'T WANT TO JUST TAKE IT FOR GRANTED THAT MY MEN WERE GOING TO DIE...

THAT'S WHY I'LL TRY ANYTHING AND EVERY-THING.
BUT HEY, I HAVEN'T GIVEN UP. I'M STILL DOING MY HOMEWORK ON THIS.
HEY, IT COULD'VE BEEN THAT DREAM I HAD LAST NIGHT.
OR MAYBE I MISSED ONE OF THE TRAINER PLANES THAT ALWAYS CIRCLE AROUND THIS BUILDING.
I'VE GOT TONS OF OTHER ONES.
MAYBE THE PICTURE FRAMES WERE CROOKED.
YOU GOT IT.
AND NOW IT'S "TEN-ASA HORO-SCOPES?"

HE'S GOT WAY TO MUCH TIME ON HIS HANDS-
AND NOW I'M COLLATING IT WITH THE DATA FROM "TEN-ASA HOROSCOPES."
I'VE KEPT RECORDS OF MY MENTAL STATE EVERY DAY FOR THE PAST 5 YEARS, ...
"NOW'S THE TIME TO CONFESS YOUR LOVE. BUT DON'T TRY ANYTHING FANCY. NO SKIRTS. PANTS WILL INCREASE YOUR CHANCES."
BY THE WAY, YOUR HOROSCOPE FROM YESTERDAY WAS...
"STAY INDOORS, OR YOU'LL REGRET IT. ESPECIALLY DURING THE NIGHT. THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE YOU'LL CORNER YOURSELF INTO DISASTER..."
I'VE NEVER WORN A SKIRT BEFORE.
I WOULDN'T KNOW.
WELL? DOES THAT RING A BELL?

THIS IS MIZOGUCHI'S HOROSCOPE FROM YESTERDAY.
DON'T GET ME WRONG.
I WOULD NEVER MAKE A MISTAKE LIKE THAT.
I DON'T KNOW...
SOUND RIGHT TO YOU?
WELL?
I-HAD-NOTHING-TO-DO-WITH-THIS-
WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME?


NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS?
OUR AGENCY MIGHT GET SHUT DOWN. THEY'RE EVEN TALKING ABOUT REVERSING THE PROXY ACT.
SOME IDIOTS SAID THEY'RE GONNA BRING OVER A NOTE OF PROTEST THIS AFTERNOON.
THE VULTURES ARE GATHERING AROUND THE CARCASS.
WORST COMES TO WORST, FORGET ABOUT BEING JOBLESS. THEY MIGHT EVEN MAKE US CRIMINALS.
THE ONLY ONE THAT'S REALLY GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH ALL THIS-
IS MIZUOGUCHI. 'CAUSE HE'S DEAD.
AM I RIGHT?


PARKING
THEY'RE LIKE THE ASIA LEAGUE FREEDOM ALLIANCE OR SOMETHING. I SAW IT ON TV.
BUT MAN, THAT'S LOUD
THAT'S KEITA TANAKA'S CAMPAIGN CAR, RIGHT? LOOKS LIKE THEY RENAMED THEMSELVES AGAIN.

TANAKA-KUN!
WE'RE ALMOST AT THE AGENCY.
TANAKA-KUN.
YOU DON'T NEED TO YELL.
I HEAR YOU.
YOU DON'T NEED TO PLAY IT WHEN WE'RE DRIVING. TURN IT OFF. YOU'RE ANNOYING EVERYBODY.
I WOULD BE ASLEEP IF IT WEREN'T FOR THAT LOUD-ASS MUSIC.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE ASLEEP.
SORRY...

HEY, IT STOPPED...
ALRIGHT, STOP THE CAR. I'M GETTING OFF.
I TOLD YOU, WE'RE ALMOST AT THE AGENCY.
WHERE ARE WE?
SHUT UP- I'M HUNGRY 'CAUSE I HAVEN'T HAD ANYTHING TO EAT SINCE YESTERDAY, ALRIGHT..!?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!? WE'RE SUPPOSED TO HAND THEM THE NOTE BY 1 O'CLOCK..!
I WANNA GET SOMETHING TO EAT.
HUH? WHY?

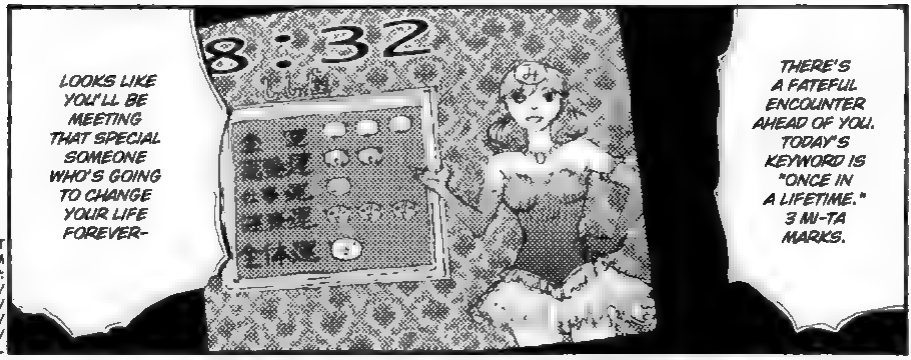
TANAKA-KUN NEVER CHANGES HIS MIND ONCE HE GETS STARTED...
THAT CAFE OVER THERE.
CALLING CAR ONE... WE'RE GONNA STOP AND GET SOME FOOD...
YOU'VE GOT TO WAIT FOR YOUR BODYGUARDS, TANAKA-KUN!
ALRIGHT, I'M GOING...
YOU'VE GOT TO BE CAREFUL, TANAKA-KUN...
I TOLD YOU WE'RE JUST GONNA GET SOMETHING TO EAT.
HEY- YOU DON'T NEED TO BRING THOSE THINGS.

I'M NOT GOING TO GET DRAGGED INTO ALL THIS.
GUESS IT'S ABOUT TIME I QUIT THIS JOB...
LOOKS LIKE THERE WON'T BE ANYMORE ENFORCEMENTS FOR A WHILE...

YOU SIMPLY CAN'T MAINTAIN YOUR BALANCE WHEN THE GROUND IS SO LOOSE.
IT JUST GOES TO SHOW THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO REVERSE A STRONG CURRENT.
WAS HE SERIOUS ABOUT THAT WHOLE "TEN-ASA HORO-SCOPES" THING..?
BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE THE DIRECTOR IS RELYING ON SOMETHING SO FICKLE.
ONE MOMENT PLEASE.
GIMME A LATTE.
AND THE LUNCH SET. WITH COFFEE.
I SUPPOSE IT'S COM-FORTING TO HAVE SOMETHING TO RELY ON...
WELL, ...
WHAT WAS MY HORO-SCOPE TODAY..?
HMM- LET ME SEE, ...

I SHOULD LEAVE BEFORE SOMEONE TRIES TO SIT HERE.
IT'S GETTING CROWDED ...
DAMN.
GOT IT-?
I'LL FIND A SEAT. YOU GUYS BRING OVER THE FOOD, ...
THIS SPOT'S OPEN, RIGHT?
HEH-HEH-HEH-HEH.

I GOT US A SEAT!
HE-Y! OVER HERE!
YES, NOW I REME-MBER...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LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL BE MEETING THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE WHO'S GOING TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE FOREVER-
THERE'S A FATEFUL ENCOUNTER AHEAD OF YOU. TODAY'S KEYWORD IS "ONCE IN A LIFETIME." 3 MI-TA MARKS.

CHART FROM TOP: MONEY// LOVE// CAREER// HEALTH// OVERALL

WE'LL SUBMIT THE NOTE OF PROTEST AS SOON AS WE'RE DONE EATING.
THE TAILOR IS COMING AT 4:00. YOU'LL BE HAVING DINNER WITH YOUR SIBLINGS AT 7:00.
AFTER THAT, WE'LL MEET TO DISCUSS YOUR UPCOMING LECTURE.
YOU'LL BE ON 55 RADIO AT 2:30, THEN TWO MORE INTERVIEWS BACK AT THE AGENCY.

Chapter 62 - Labor Management

SO BASICALLY, I'M NOT GETTING ANY SLEEP AGAIN?

THIS IS THE FINAL STRETCH BEFORE THE HOUSE ELECTION, REMEMBER-?
WE'VE STILL BEEN TURNING DOWN PRETTY MUCH EVERY SINGLE TV OFFER...
ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL ME, KUSAKA-KUN?
I HAVEN'T GOTTEN A SINGLE DAY OF REST THIS MONTH.
NO, I MEAN.
HUH? WHY? THIS ISN'T A NON-SMOKING SECTION, BOBBY.
YES, IT'S A NUIS-ANCE
YOU SHOULDN'T SMOKE IN PUBLIC, TANAKA-KUN!
IT'S NOT THE SAME, ALRIGHT-!?
IT'S THE SAME THING.
I SAID I WISH I COULD STOP SMOKING ...
YOU SAID YOU'RE GONNA STOP SMOKING
YOU ANNOUNCED IT LAST WEEK WHEN YOU WERE ON "JUMP OUT HEALTHY LIFESTYLES".

YEAH, YOU'LL CHOKE IF YOU EAT IN A HURRY.
BUT DON'T FORGET TO CHEW BEFORE YOU SWALLOW.
LET'S JUST EAT AND GET OUTTA HERE QUICKLY.
DAMN IT-
YOU'RE DRIVING ME AROUND LIKE AN ANIMAL!
I'M QUITTING THIS JOB IF I'M NOT GETTING ANY SLEEP TODAY!
WHAT WAS THAT?
HUH?
I QUIT.
I JUST WANNA SPEND A DAY SMOKING GRASS AND HAVING SEX-!
HERE WE GO AGAIN...
CALM DOWN, LOWER YOUR VOICE...
I DON'T CARE ABOUT POLITICS AND VIGILANTE CORPS ANYMORE-!

PUSSY-!
IT'S TOO LOUD IN HERE, NOBODY'S GONNA HEAR ME ANYWAYS-!
WHA... TANAKA-KUN!
WHO CARES-!? I DON'T!
PEOPLE ARE GONNA HEAR YOU, TANAKA-KUN.
BE QUIET, TANAKA-KUN.
HE WAS HERE THE WHOLE TIME...
W-WHEN DID THIS GUY..?
WHAT'S WRONG, TANAKA-KUN?
WHOAA!

HUH? OH, IS THAT RIGHT?
YOU WERE THE ONE THAT WAS SURPRISED, TANAKA-KUN.
HAH-HAH-HAH.
SORRY FOR SURPRISING YOU LIKE THAT, ...

IT'S IMPOLITE TO STARE, TANAKA-KUN.
HMM-?
HUH? THIS GUY...
!
JUST MY IMAGINATION, I GUESS...
HE LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE I KNOW-
I HAVE TO GET BACK TO MY WORKPLACE.
CAN YOU MOVE?

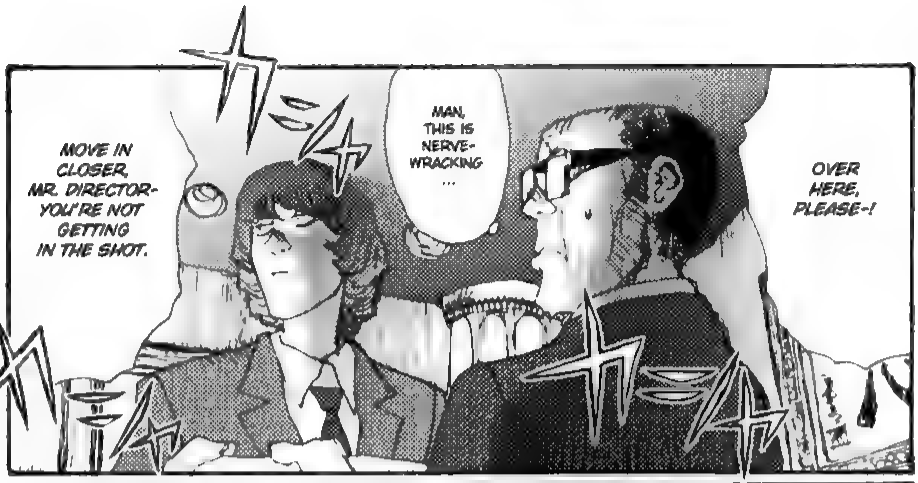
.....
OH... MY BAD.
PLIP
WE WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER.
HOLD UP A SEC.
HEY, ...
IT'S A PAMPHLET FOR OUR ORGANI-ZATION.
TAKE A LOOK.

OUR MOTTO IS "THE FUTURE IS OURS."
C'MON, HAVEN'T YOU SEEN MY FACE ON TV BEFORE?
WHAT'S A PAMPHLET?
PAMPHLET?
DOESN'T RING A BELL.
HMM...
YOU HAVE ONE RIGHT?
WAIT, DO YOU NOT HAVE A TV IN YOUR HOUSE?

BUT I'VE NEVER HEARD OF YOU BEFORE.
I HAVE ONE, ...
EXCUSE ME.
WELL THEN, ...
HE'S SUCH A WEIRDO...
W-WHAT THE HELL..?

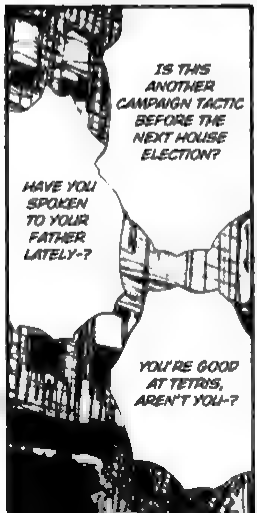
HUH?
I DON'T THINK YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH THAT GUY.
TANAKA-KUN, ...
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT HIM.
JUST MY INTUITION, BUT...
WE'RE ALREADY HALF AN HOUR LATE-!
R-RIGHT
ANYWAYS, CAN YOU PLEASE HURRY UP AND FINISH EATING-!?
IT WORKED WONDERS FOR ME ON THE BATTLEFIELD.
AND I'VE GOT PRETTY GOOD INTUITION.
HE DEFINITELY LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE I KNOW...
BUT STILL, ...

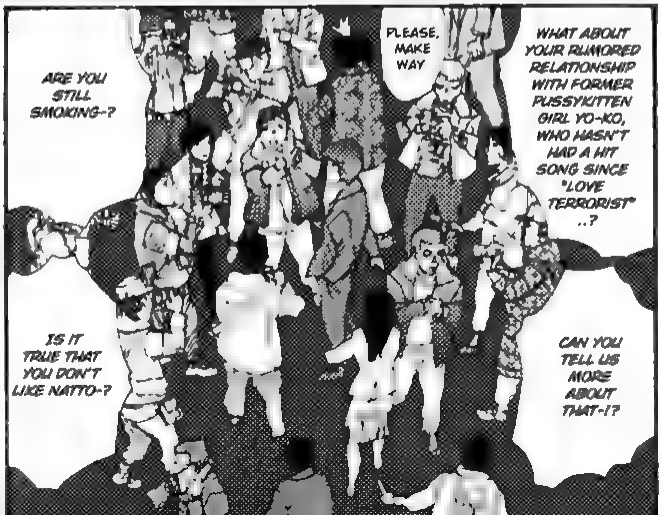
WHAT'S WRONG, TANAKA-KUN?
WHO WAS IT-?
THAT BUILDING'S THE AGENCY, RIGHT? ...WHICH MEANS, ...
HE'S AN ENFORCE-MENT PROXY?
YEAH RIGHT...
...HANDED A NOTE OF PROTEST TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE ENFORCEMENT PROXY AGENCY, ALONG WITH 50,000 SIGNATURES OF PEOPLE DEMANDING AN EXPLANATION OF THE INCIDENT.
A LITTLE PAST 1:30 TODAY, IN A ROOM PACKED WITH JOURNALISTS AND REPORTERS, ASIA LEAGUE FREEDOM ALLIANCE REPRESENTATIVE KEITA TANAKA,

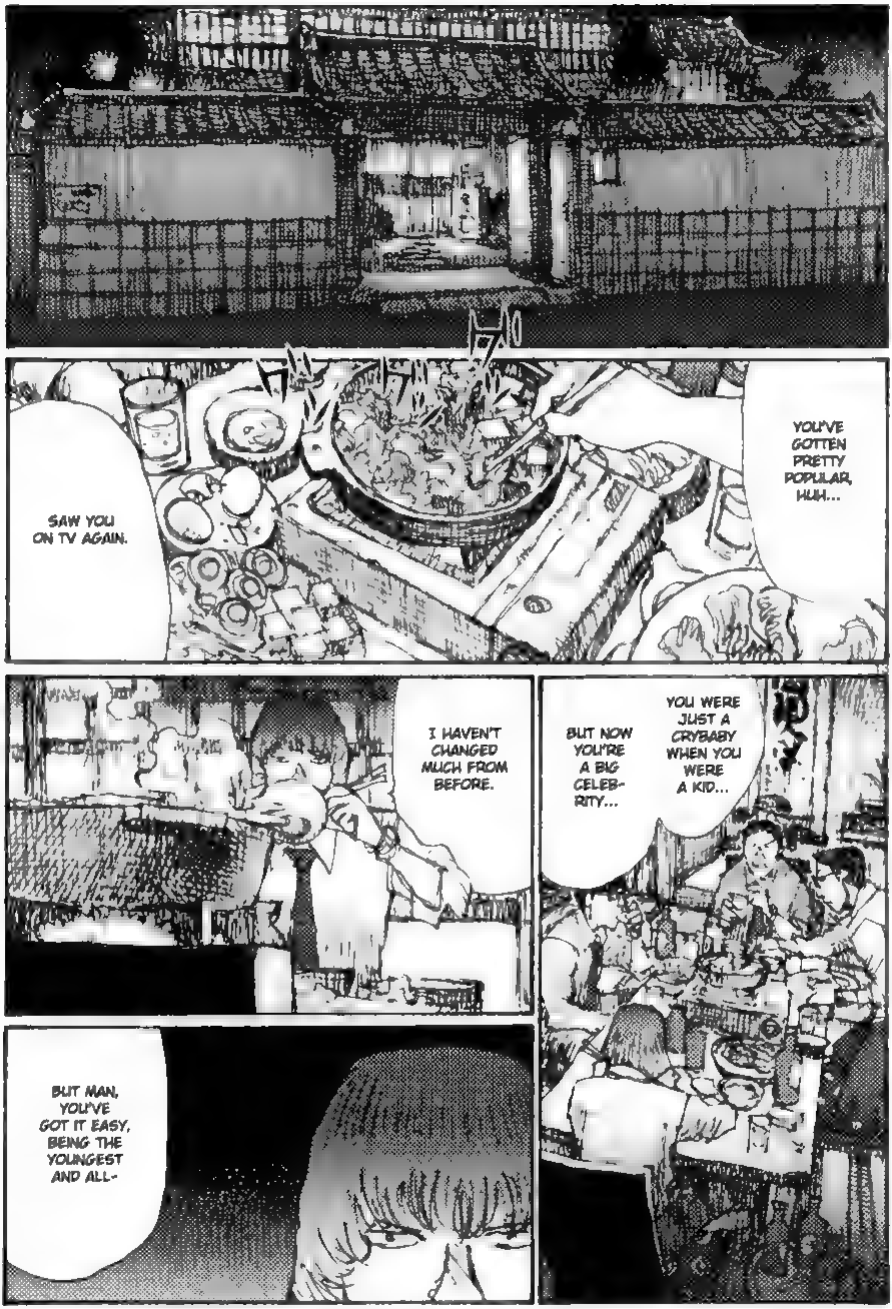

MOVE IN CLOSER, MR. DIRECTOR- YOU'RE NOT GETTING IN THE SHOT.
MAN, THIS IS NERVE-WRACKING ...
OVER HERE, PLEASE-!

THAT GUY LOOKS KINDA PRETEN-TIOUS-
WE'RE IN A HURRY! ANY FURTHER COMMENT WILL COME FROM OUR AGENCY-!

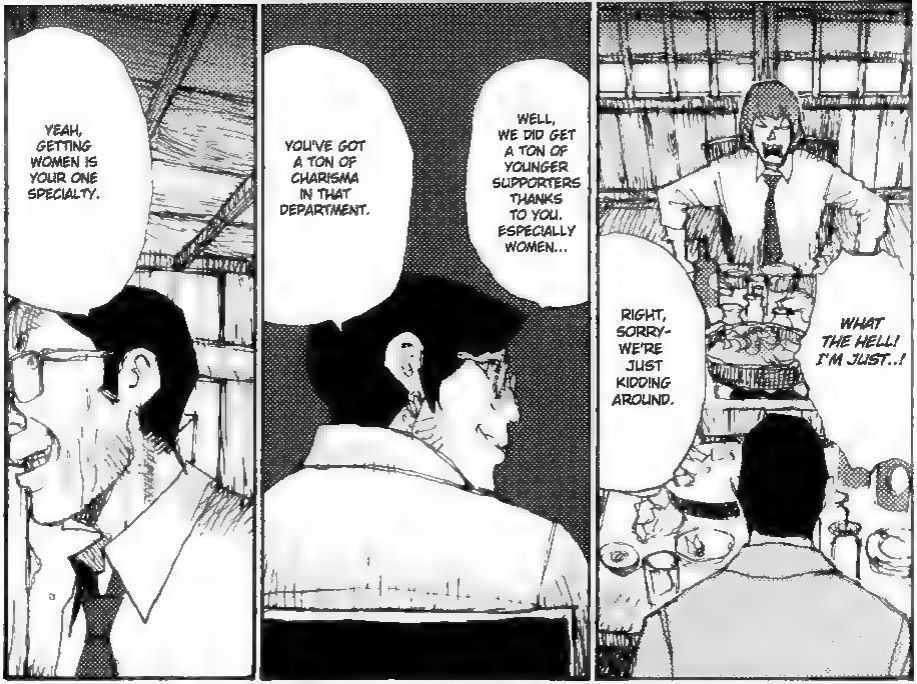
WE WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE TRUTH THROUGH ACTIVITIES LIKE THIS, AND WE URGE THE AUTHORITIES TO DO THE SAME.
IT'S OFTEN SAID THAT THE REASON PROXY AGENCIES HAVE NEVER BEEN SEARCHED, IS BECAUSE THE PROXY ASSOCIATION HAS CLOSE TIES WITH THE POLICE FORCE.


IS THIS ANOTHER CAMPAIGN TACTIC BEFORE THE NEXT HOUSE ELECTION?
HAVE YOU SPOKEN TO YOUR FATHER LATELY-?
YOU'RE GOOD AT TETRIS, AREN'T YOU-?


ARE YOU STILL SMOKING-?
PLEASE, MAKE WAY
WHAT ABOUT YOUR RUMORED RELATIONSHIP WITH FORMER PUSSYKITTEN GIRL YO-KO, WHO HASN'T HAD A HIT SONG SINCE "LOVE TERRORIST" ..?
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU DON'T LIKE NATTO-?
CAN YOU TELL US MORE ABOUT THAT-!?


SAW YOU ON TV AGAIN.
YOU'VE GOTTEN PRETTY POPULAR, HUH...
I HAVEN'T CHANGED MUCH FROM BEFORE.
BUT NOW YOU'RE A BIG CELEB-RITY...
YOU WERE JUST A CRYBABY WHEN YOU WERE A KID...
BUT MAN, YOU'VE GOT IT EASY, BEING THE YOUNGEST AND ALL-

YEAH, THAT IS ONE SHARP OLD DOG.
BUT HE GOT IT SPOT ON.
HAH-HAH-HAH.
WHEN THE OLD MAN SAID YOU WERE GONNA BE THE FACE OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION.
HONESTLY, I WAS PRETTY SKEPTICAL...
BUT YOU GUYS STILL...
I GET LESS THAN 2 HOURS OF SLEEP EACH NIGHT!
YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING.
HEY, WAIT A SEC, BIG BRO.
WELL, WE ALSO WENT AROUND BEGGING PEOPLE, SO THE OLD MAN DOESN'T GET ALL THE CREDIT.
SO YOU STAYED UP ALL NIGHT PLAYING ON YOUR GAME BOY?

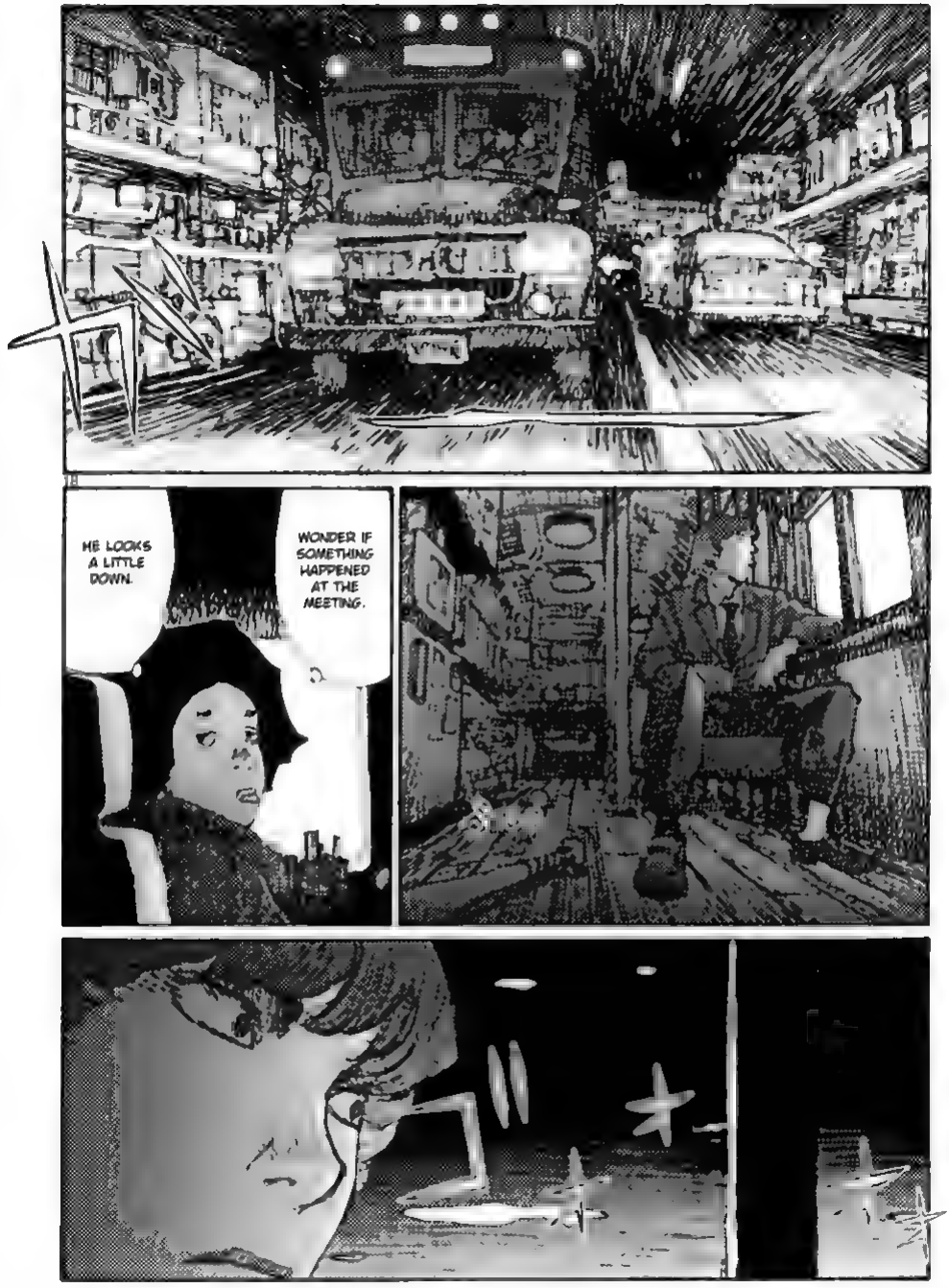

YEAH, GETTING WOMEN IS YOUR ONE SPECIALTY.
YOU'VE GOT A TON OF CHARISMA IN THAT DEPARTMENT.
WELL, WE DID GET A TON OF YOUNGER SUPPORTERS THANKS TO YOU. ESPECIALLY WOMEN...
RIGHT, SORRY- WE'RE JUST KIDDING AROUND.
WHAT THE HELL! I'M JUST..!

YOU SHOULD REALLY BE THANKING HIM.
HE ACCEPTED YOU AND EVEN GOT YOU INTO COLLEGE.
HEY HEY, DON'T YOU DARE TALK BADLY ABOUT THE OLD MAN.
WE'RE ALL HALF BROTHERS ANYWAY.
HEH, GUESS I GOT THAT FROM THE OLD MAN.

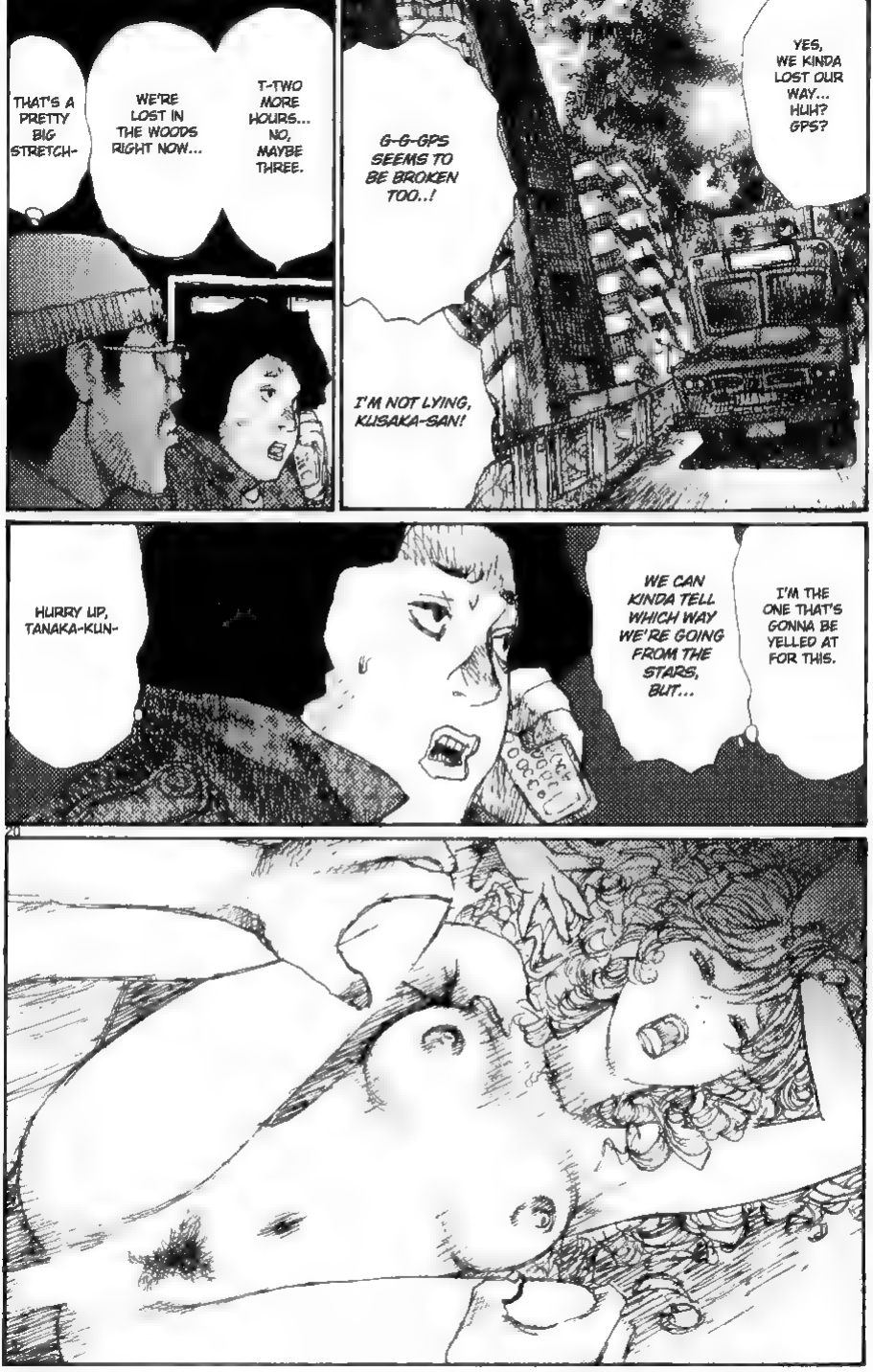
YOU MIGHT'VE DIED A DOG'S DEATH LIKE THAT WOMAN, HAH-HAH-HAH.
IF HE HADN'T TAKEN YOU IN...

WHERE'RE YOU GOING?
HEY, KEITA.
I'M TOO FUCKING BUSY FOR THIS KINDA SHIT.
I'M GOING HOME.
ASSHOLES ...
GOING HOME TO PLAY GAME BOY?
W-WAIT A SEC, ARE YOU...

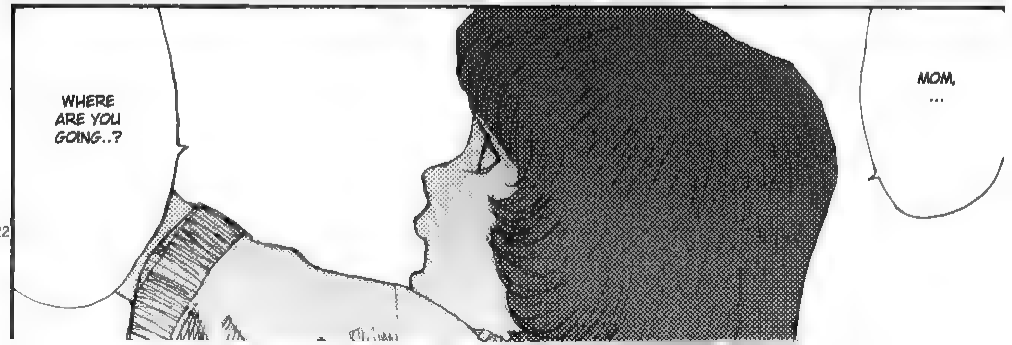
THE OLD MAN DIDN'T PICK YOU BECAUSE HE'S COUNTING ON YOUR ABILITY.
LISTEN, KEITA. YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG.
YOU TRY ANYTHING STUPID, AND EVERYTHING WE'VE BUILT UP GOES DOWN THE DRAIN.
HE'S COUNTING ON THOSE LOOKS, AND THE "BRAND NAME" OF THE TANAKA FAMILY.
YOU'D BETTER NOT LET HIM DOWN, KEITA.
REMEMBER, THE OLD MAN TOOK THE TROUBLE TO COVER UP ALL THAT SHIT YOU PULLED.
THE NEXT ELECTION'S GONNA BE CRUCIAL.
YOU JUST KEEP FOLLOWING ORDERS FROM US.


HE LOOKS A LITTLE DOWN.
WONDER IF SOMETHING HAPPENED AT THE MEETING.

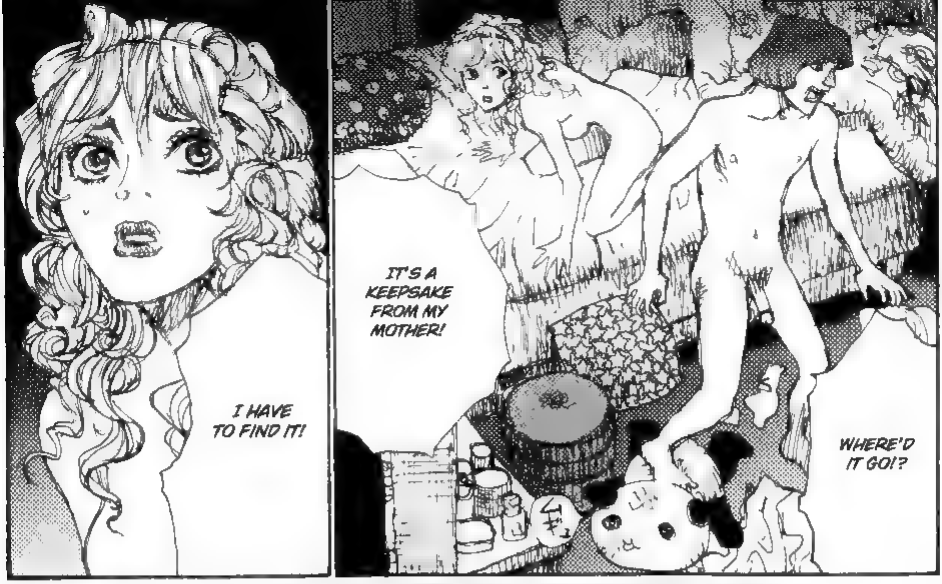
YOU SAID SO LAST WEEK-
GOSH- I THOUGHT YOU WERE NEVER COMING AGAIN.
WHAT THE HECK..?
HUH?
SORRY 'BOUT THAT, YO-KO-CHAN...
WELL YEAH, I DID, BUT...
YEAH, BUT-
I TOLD YOU TO STOP DOING THIS STUFF
YOU STILL HAVE THIS CRAP..?


THAT'S A PRETTY BIG STRETCH-
WE'RE LOST IN THE WOODS RIGHT NOW...
T-TWO MORE HOURS... NO, MAYBE THREE.
I'M NOT LYING, KUSAKA-SAN!
G-G-GPS SEEMS TO BE BROKEN TOO..!
YES, WE KINDA LOST OUR WAY... HUH? GPS?
HURRY UP, TANAKA-KUN-
WE CAN KINDA TELL WHICH WAY WE'RE GOING FROM THE STARS, BUT...
I'M THE ONE THAT'S GONNA BE YELLED AT FOR THIS.

AHH...
YOU'RE SO BIG-!
IT FEELS SO GOOD, KEI-KUN!
I CAN SEE HEAVEN-!
AHH, HEAVEN...!
DO ME HARDER-!
HARDER!
KEEP GOING...! FOREVER!


WHERE ARE YOU GOING..?
MOM, ...

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
IT'S GONE!
GONE..!
HUH?
WH-WHAT'S WRONG, KEI-KUN?
THE ONE MOM GAVE ME!
THE BRACELET'S GONE!
WHAT BRACELET?


I HAVE TO FIND IT!
IT'S A KEEPSAKE FROM MY MOTHER!
WHERE'D IT GO!?

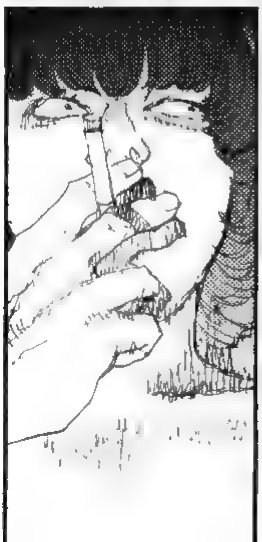
YOU JUST LEFT IT ON THE DESK.
IS THIS WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?

YOU WERE TRIPPING PRETTY BADLY.
MAYBE YOU NEED TO GET SOME REST, KEI-KUN...
OH...

NOW I REMEMBER.

I THOUGHT HE LOOKED LIKE SOME-ONE I KNEW...
OH, JUST THIS GUY I MET TODAY.

HUH?



HE STOPPED COMING TO SCHOOL 2ND-YEAR. NEVER SAW HIM AGAIN...
THE KID I BULLIED DURING HIGH SCHOOL.
DON'T REMEMBER HIS NAME.

HE LOOKS, ...
EXACTLY LIKE HIM.
C'MON, LET'S ACHIEVE PEACE AMONG OUR ASIAN COMRADES AND THE REST OF THE WORLD..!
THE FUTURE IS OURS!
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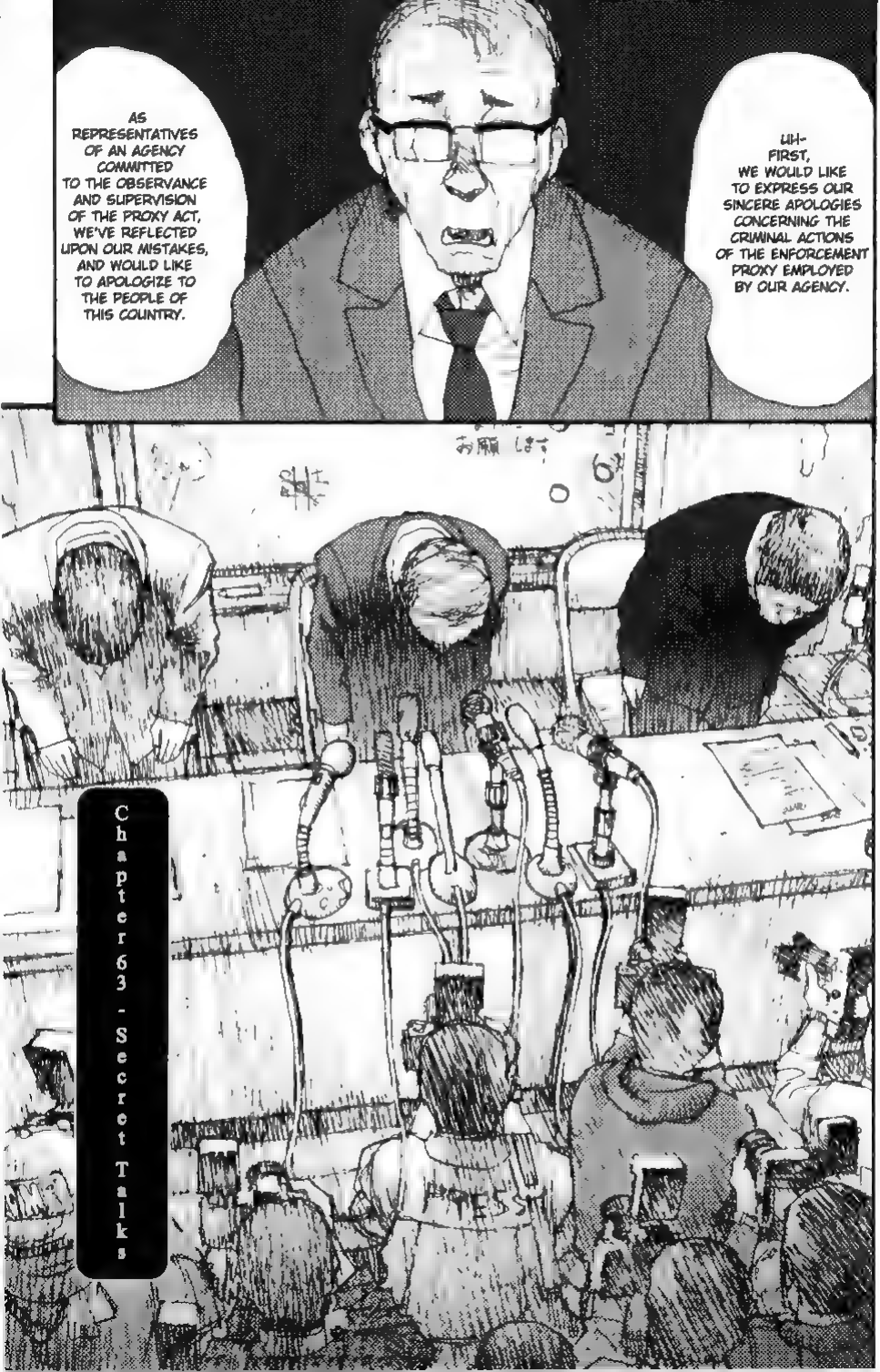
THIS, HUH...
OHH...


AS REPRESENTATIVES OF AN AGENCY COMMITTED TO THE OBSERVANCE AND SUPERVISION OF THE PROXY ACT, WE'VE REFLECTED UPON OUR MISTAKES, AND WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGIZE TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY.
UH- FIRST, WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES CONCERNING THE CRIMINAL ACTIONS OF THE ENFORCEMENT PROXY EMPLOYED BY OUR AGENCY.
Chapter 63 - Secret Talks

WERE YOU AWARE OF THESE ACTIVITIES, DIRECTOR?
GET THOSE FUCKING PHOTO-GRAPHERS OUTTA HERE.
EVER SINCE THIS CHAIN OF EVENTS HAS REACHED PUBLIC ATTENTION, PROXY MIZOGUCHI'S ILLEGAL ENFORCEMENT TACTICS HAVE COME TO LIGHT VIA NEWSPAPERS AND TABLOIDS-
EXTENDING BEYOND THE ACTIONS OF A SINGLE ENFORCEMENT PROXY?
YOU DON'T THINK THIS INDICATES CORRUPTION OF THE INDUSTRY ITSELF?
...ARE STILL UNDER INVEST-IGATION.
UHH-WELL, ON-SITE ILLEGAL BEHAVIORS SUCH AS BRIBERY OF SECURITY PERSONNEL, AND UHH-POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION BEYOND THE PRESCRIBED AMOUNT WERE UHH-NOT ACKNOWLEDGED BY OUR AGENCY, AND...
WHY ARE YOUR GLASSES CRACKED, DIRECTOR-!?
DO YOU THINK THE MYSTERY STREET KILLER WAS ALSO PROXY MIZOGUCHI?
IT'S STILL UNDER INVEST-IGATION.
TOO MANY NAMES!
ARE YOU AWARE THAT PROXY MIZOGUCHI'S WIFE IS CURRENTLY MISSING!?
IT'S RUMORED THAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WAS TAKING PLACE ON A DAILY BASIS!
IT'S UNDER INVEST-IGATION.
IT'S UNDER INVEST-IGATION!
THAT IS ALSO UHH-CURRENTLY UNDER INVEST-IGATION.

NOTE: NAME; SLANG TERM FOR THE ROUGH DRAFT OF A MANGA.

ARE YOU LISTENING, SIR?
YOU LOOKED QUITE HANDSOME UP THERE-
CONGRAT-ULATIONS ON YOUR TV APPEARANCE, DIRECTOR.
IT'S UNDER INVESTIGATION!
DID YOU JUST COME OVER TO MAKE SNIDE REMARKS?
SHUT UP-
LOOKING CHEERFUL AS ALWAYS, AREN'T YOU...
HERE'S SOME TEA.
I'M OFFERING SOME WORDS OF APPREC-IATION.

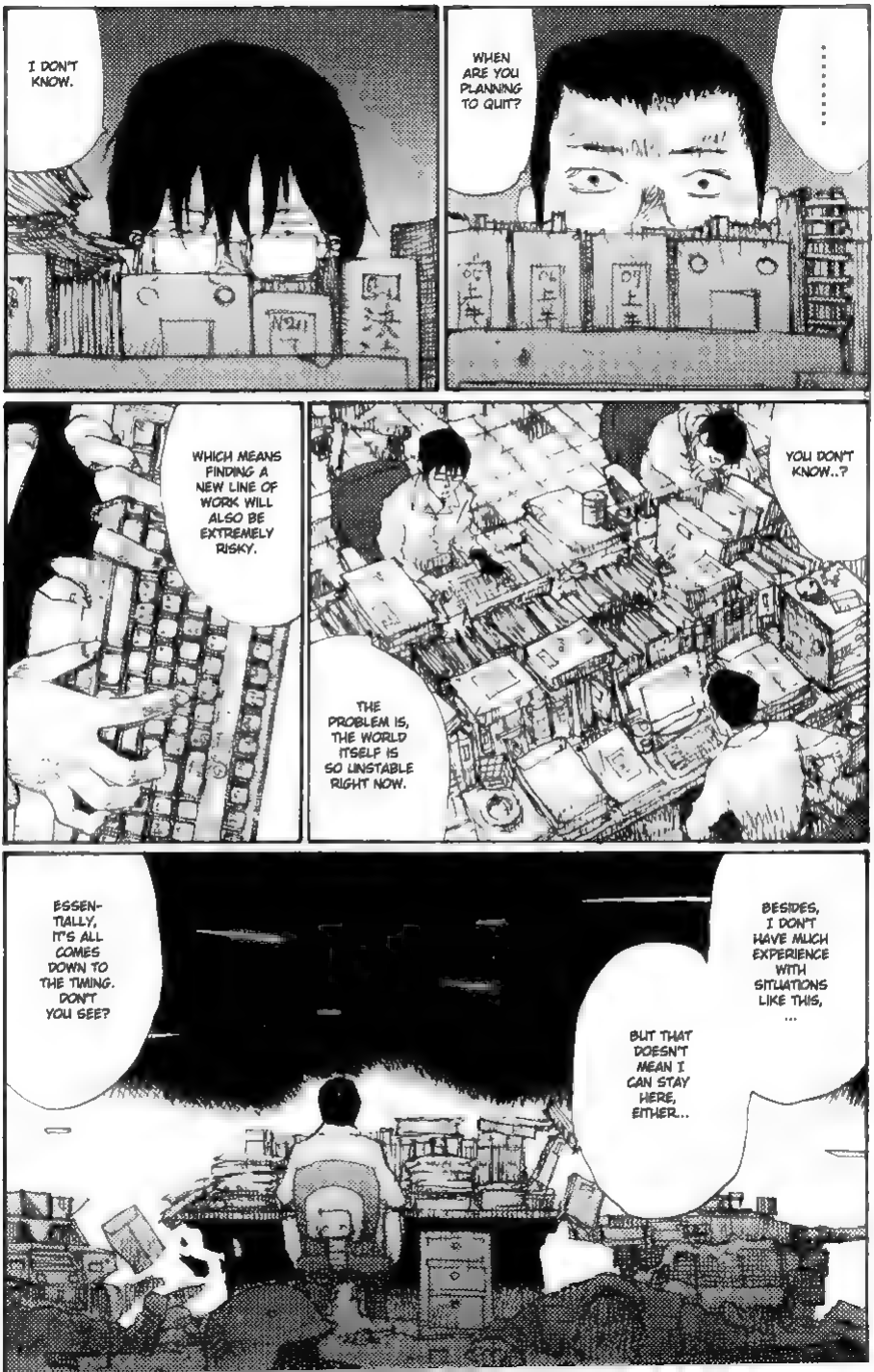
YOU TOLD ME TO LOOK THROUGH IT, SO I DID, BUT...
OH- AND I'M RETURNING THIS.
THESE SORTS OF THINGS WON'T MERIT AN ENFORCEMENT...
MY OPINION..?
I WANTED TO HEAR YOUR OPINION.
IT WAS JUST A BRIEF HISTORY ON KEITA TANAKA, AND HIS CRIMINAL RECORD...
TURNS OUT HE'S ACTUALLY QUITE A DELIN-QUENT...
WELL- PRETTY MUCH.
DOES IT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS WORTHLESS REPORT?
YOU LOOK RATHER GLUM.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
...YEAH-

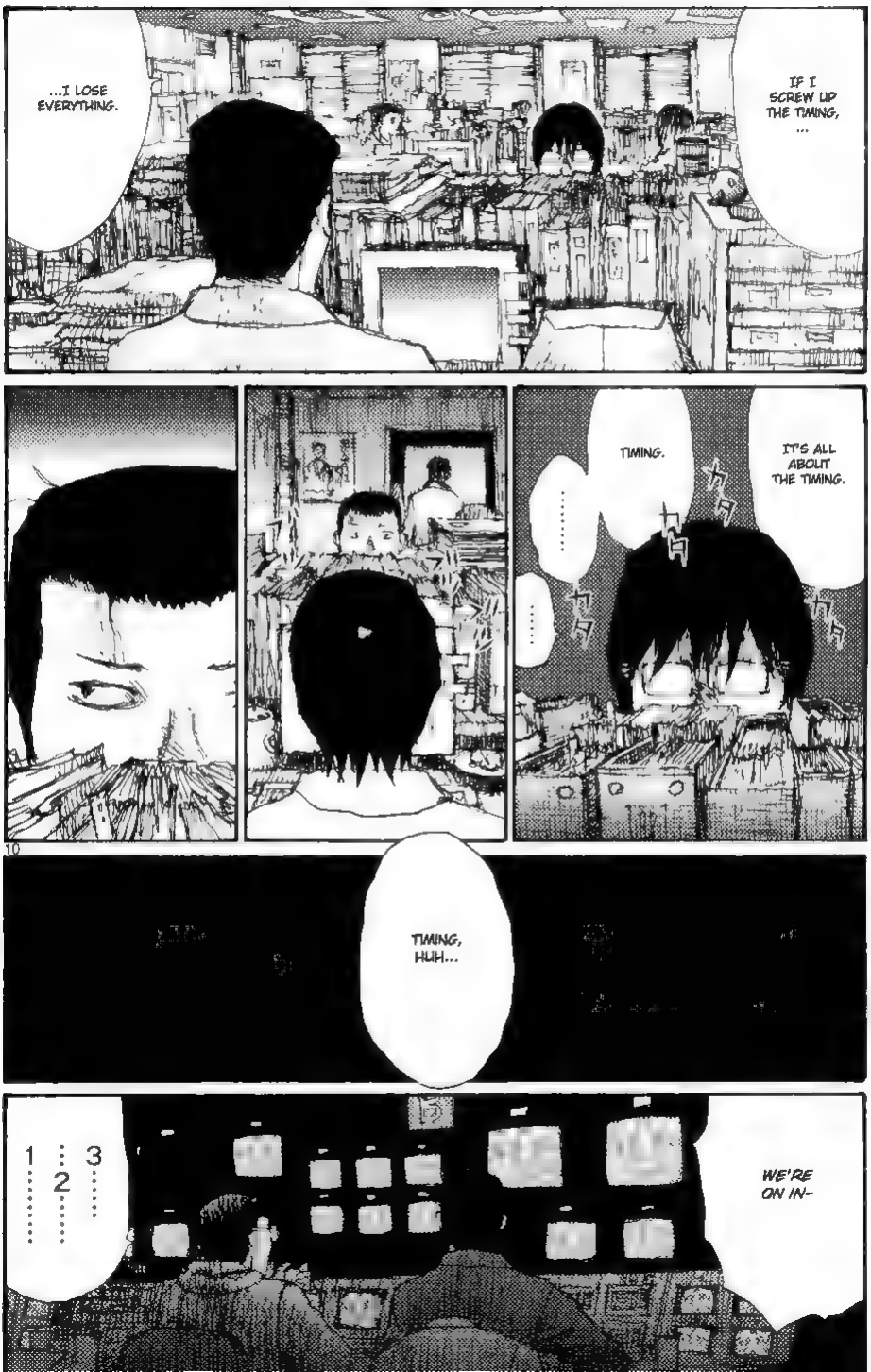
SO IT GOES BOTH WAYS, DOESN'T IT?
BUT THEY'VE FED US WELL.
NOT THAT THERE'S ANY USE IN COMPLAINING- THEY'RE HOLDING OUR LEASH, AFTER ALL.
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT THEY'LL TRY AND HAND US NEXT. THEY USE ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING THEY'VE GOT...
WELL SAID.
HAH- HAH- HAH-
YEAH, SOMETHING.
...SOME- THING?
YOU MIGHT SEE SOMETHING.
HOW ABOUT YOU COME ALONG THIS TIME?
...IS YOUR JOB, ISN'T IT?
FINDING THAT SOMETHING, ...

THERE'S A TON OF PAPERWORK THAT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN CARE OF BEFORE OUR CASES CAN GET HANDED OVER TO THE OTHER AGENCIES.
OF COURSE NOT. THEY'RE BUSY TYPING UP DOCUMENTS.
ARE THEY ON VACATION 'CAUSE ENFORCEMENT DUTIES'VE BEEN HALTED?
BY THE WAY, WHAT ARE THOSE PROXIES DOING?
DOES MS. HIGUCHI SERIOUSLY THINK WE CAN GET ALL OF THIS WORK DONE?
THIS IS INSANE...
PHEW-

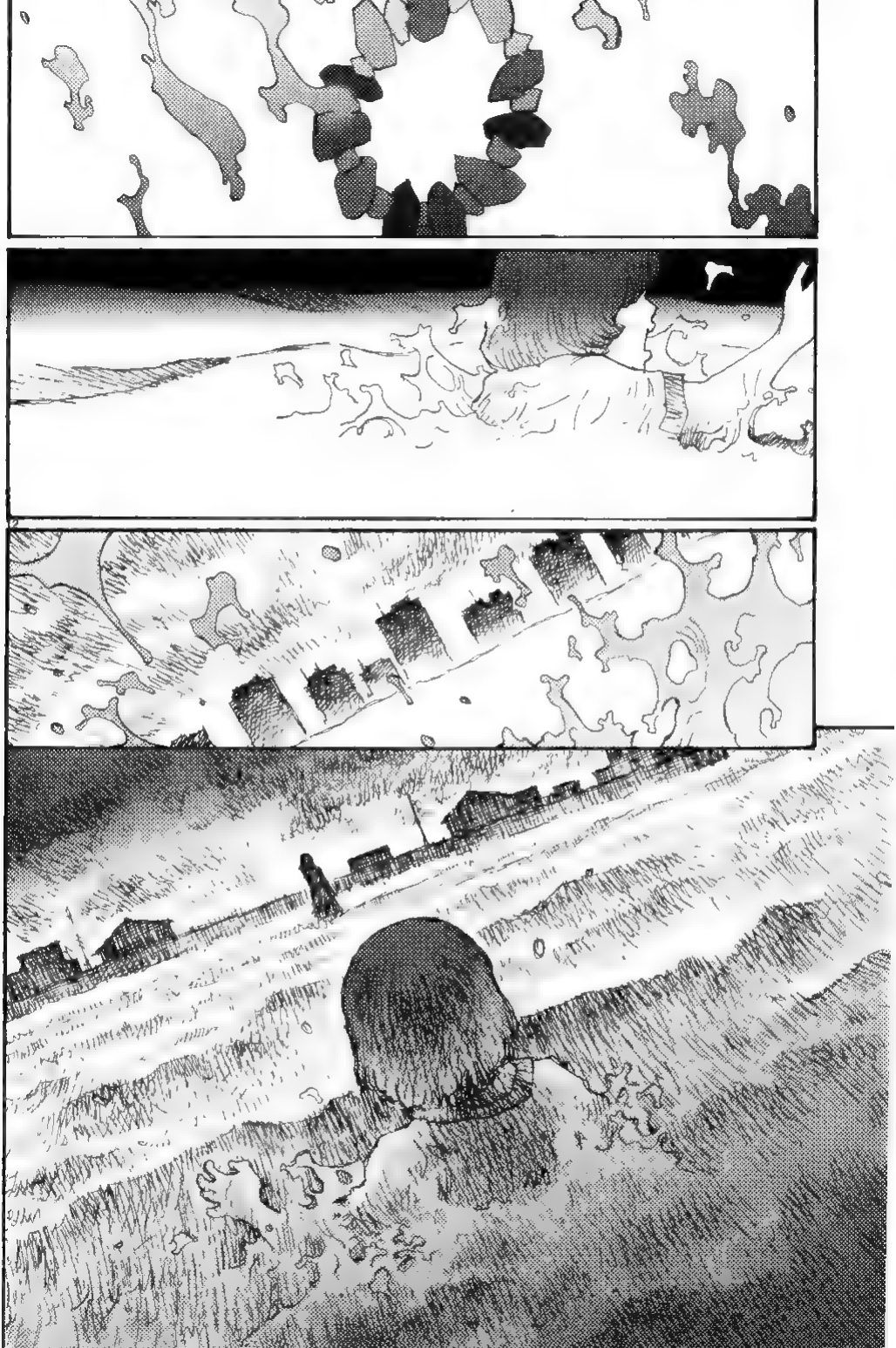
HEY, ...
CAN YOU NOT SMOKE HERE?
DOES HE REALLY NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT MR. MIZOGUCHI?
HE'S BEEN ACTING LIKE NOTHING EVER HAPPENED, BUT...
WHEN SOMEBODY SMOKES IN FRONT OF ME.
I GET A HEADACHE, ...

WHAT ABOUT YOU, MR. KANO?
ALL THIS PAPERWORK JUST GOT ME STRESSED OUT.
I-I'M SORRY...
I'M PLANNING ON QUITTING THIS JOB SOON.
BESIDES, ...
IT'S JUST WORK AS USUAL.
I DON'T FEEL ANY DIFFERENT.
IF THE INDUSTRY IS GOING TO BE THIS UNSTABLE, ...
I FEEL IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR ME TO LOOK ELSEWHERE.
HUH?
YOU'RE QUITTING?

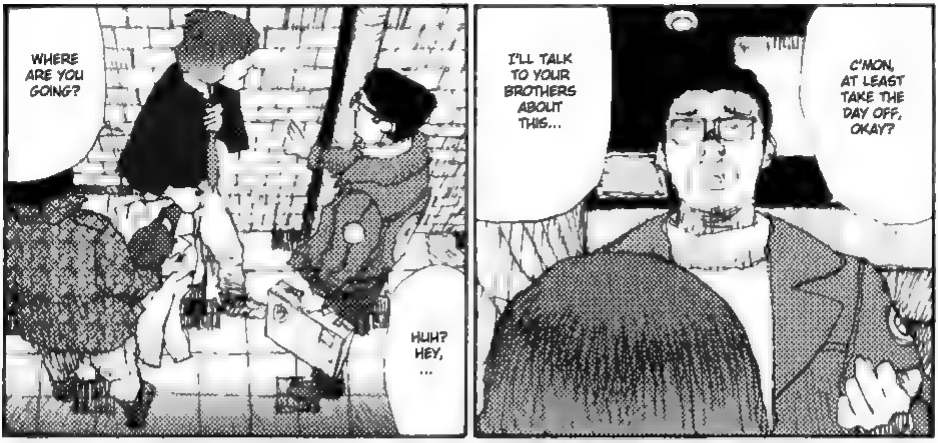

I DON'T KNOW.
WHEN ARE YOU PLANNING TO QUIT?
.....
WHICH MEANS FINDING A NEW LINE OF WORK WILL ALSO BE EXTREMELY RISKY.
YOU DON'T KNOW..?
THE PROBLEM IS, THE WORLD ITSELF IS SO UNSTABLE RIGHT NOW.
ESSEN-TIALLY, IT'S ALL COMES DOWN TO THE TIMING. DON'T YOU SEE?
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I CAN STAY HERE, EITHER...
BESIDES, I DON'T HAVE MUCH EXPERIENCE WITH SITUATIONS LIKE THIS, ...


...I LOSE EVERYTHING.
IF I SCREW UP THE TIMING, ...
TIMING.
IT'S ALL ABOUT THE TIMING.
TIMING, HUH...
1 2 3
WE'RE ON IN-

THE SPOKESMAN OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION, MR. KEITA TANAKA.
TODAY ON "POINTS AND VIEWPOINTS", WE HAVE THE ORGANIZER AND ACTIVE PARTICIPANT OF COUNTLESS GRASS-ROOTS MOVEMENTS LIKE TOWN GARBAGE COLLECTION.
WHAT WERE YOUR GOALS IN ESTABLISHING THIS ORGAN-IZATION, AND WHY?
TO BEGIN, LET'S HEAR MORE ABOUT YOUR ORGAN-IZATION, THE "ASIA LEAGUE FREEDOM ALLIANCE".
MR. TANAKA?
UHH-



KEELING OVER LIKE THAT ON THE SET...
YOU REALLY SCARED US.
ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL?
THE DOCTORS SAID IT WAS JUST FATIGUE, BUT...
BESIDES, MY BROTHERS ARE GONNA GET ANNOYED AGAIN IF I TAKE A BREAK.
I GOT THAT IV DRIP, SO I'M FINE.
YOU DON'T NEED TO HOLD BACK. WE CANCELLED ALL YOUR APPOINTMENTS FOR THE DAY.


WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
HUH? HEY, ...
I'LL TALK TO YOUR BROTHERS ABOUT THIS...
C'MON, AT LEAST TAKE THE DAY OFF, OKAY?

WHICH MEANS I CAN DO WHATEVER THE HELL I WANT, RIGHT?
I'M OFF THE REST OF THE DAY, ...

I NEED TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE GOING TO BE SAFE-!
DON'T JUST RUN OFF ALONE!
NOT BY YOURSELF, TANAKA-KUN..!

TANAKA-KUN..!

DO WHATEVER I WANT FOR THE REST OF THE DAY.
HAH-HAH-HAH-I'M JUST GONNA HANG AROUND.
I'M A LITTLE WOOZY, BUT WHAT-EVER.
I THINK I LOST 'EM.
HEH-HEH... LOSERS.

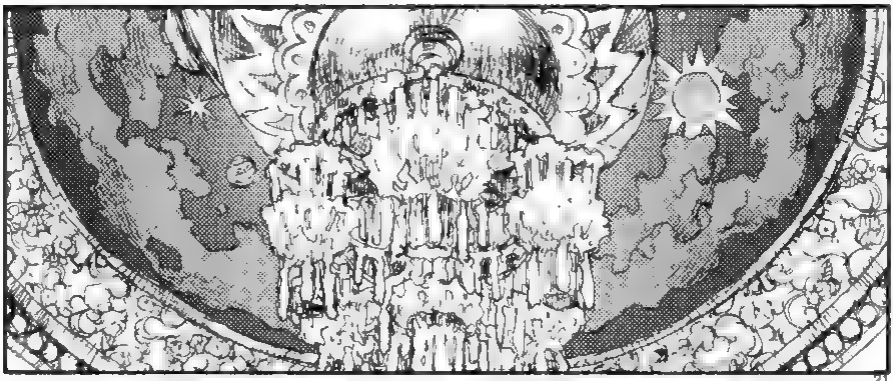
WHAT THE HELL..?
AHHHHHHHHHH-!
IT'S THE REAL K-KUN!
SEE..!? I TOLD YOU IT WAS HIM!
DAMN IT!
OMG OMG OMG OMG-!
AHHHH-
...SHIT.

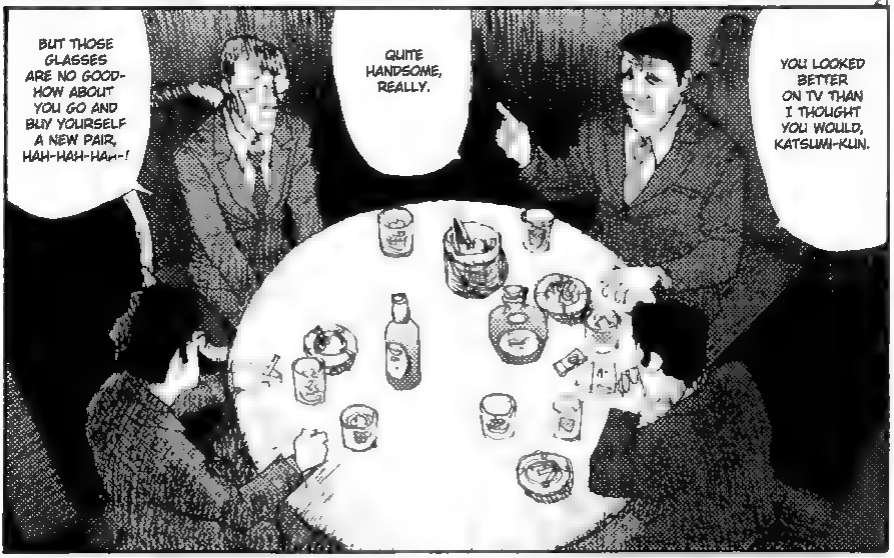
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
YO, CHECK IT OUT. ISN'T THAT KEITA TANAKA?
!
I'M GETTING NAUSEOUS AGAIN...
OH SHIT...
WHERE'D THEY LEARN HOW TO SCREAM LIKE THAT..?
WHAT THE FUCK IS WRONG WITH THOSE GIRLS..!?
HEY, WHERE THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING!?
SHIT..!
HEY, YOU'RE KEITA TANAKA, AREN'T YOU?
GIMME YOUR CELL NUMBER-!
EEK...

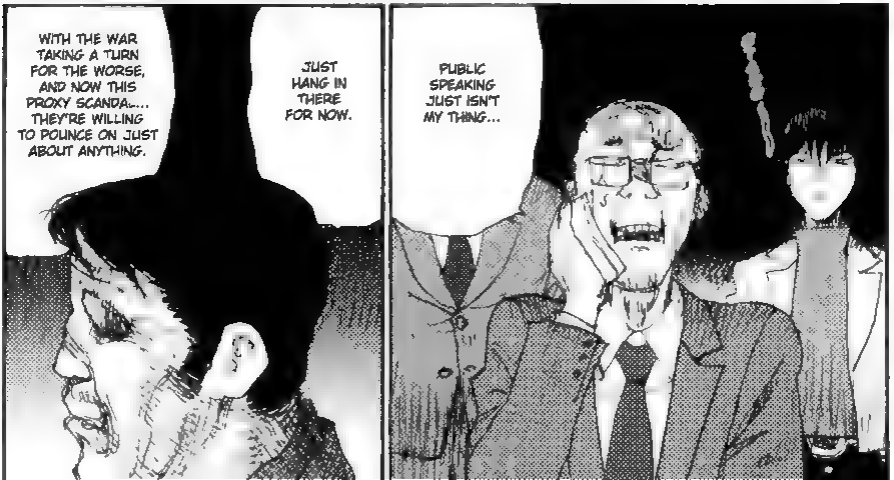
I NEED TO HANG HERE AGAIN...
SO ANYWAYS...
THAT'S SO WEIRD...
YOU'RE SO POPULAR THAT YOU CAN'T FIND A PLACE TO STAY?
...
BUT I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE ELSE TO STAY.
YEAH- I KNOW...
YOU'RE JUST USING ME, AREN'T YOU.
...HEY.

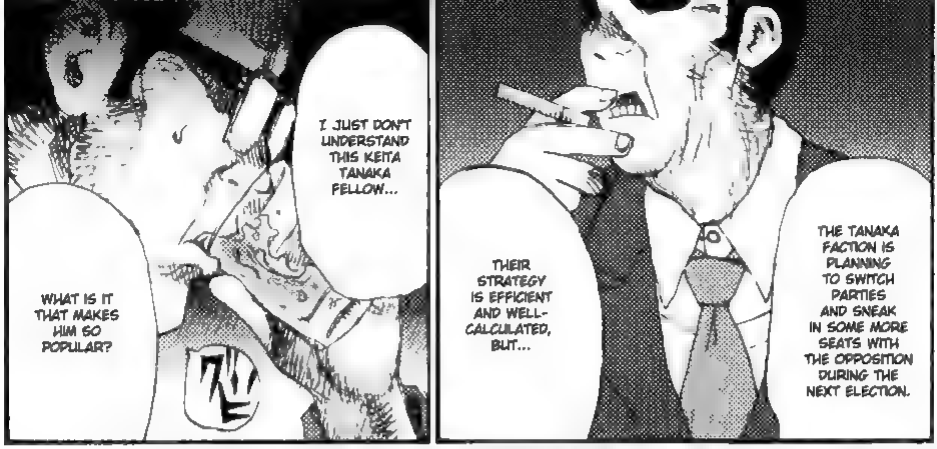
YOU KEEP FLIP-FLOPPING ABOUT EVERYTHING...
YOU SAID YOU WEREN'T GONNA DO DRUGS ANYMORE.
HUH?
I WAS GONNA THROW AWAY THAT STUFF TOO-
AHH

I'M NOT GONNA MAKE IT TO THE ELECTION WITHOUT SOME MORE.
HEYY- CAN'T YOU GET A LITTLE BIT MORE?
THEN YOU DON'T HAVE ANYMORE?
NO-! I STOPPED DOING IT!
YOU CAN STILL GET SOME FROM YOUR MANAGER, RIGHT YO-KO?
I CAN'T. THE GUYS ARE TOO STRICT.
YEAHHH- BUT-
JUST GO BUY SOME ON YOUR OWN.
20
YEAH YEAH, I PROMISE.
BUT YOU HAVE TO QUIT AFTER THAT, OKAY KEI-KUN..?
AH
OF COURSE I WILL-
AHHH-
WILL YOU COME SEE ME AGAIN?
THEN...




BUT THOSE GLASSES ARE NO GOOD- HOW ABOUT YOU GO AND BUY YOURSELF A NEW PAIR, HAH-HAH-HAH-!
QUITE HANDSOME, REALLY.
YOU LOOKED BETTER ON TV THAN I THOUGHT YOU WOULD, KATSUMI-KUN.


WITH THE WAR TAKING A TURN FOR THE WORSE, AND NOW THIS PROXY SCANDA.... THEY'RE WILLING TO POUNCE ON JUST ABOUT ANYTHING.
JUST HANG IN THERE FOR NOW.
PUBLIC SPEAKING JUST ISN'T MY THING...


I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS KEITA TANAKA FELLOW...
WHAT IS IT THAT MAKES HIM SO POPULAR?
THEIR STRATEGY IS EFFICIENT AND WELL-CALCULATED, BUT...
THE TANAKA FACTION IS PLANNING TO SWITCH PARTIES AND SNEAK IN SOME MORE SEATS WITH THE OPPOSITION DURING THE NEXT ELECTION.

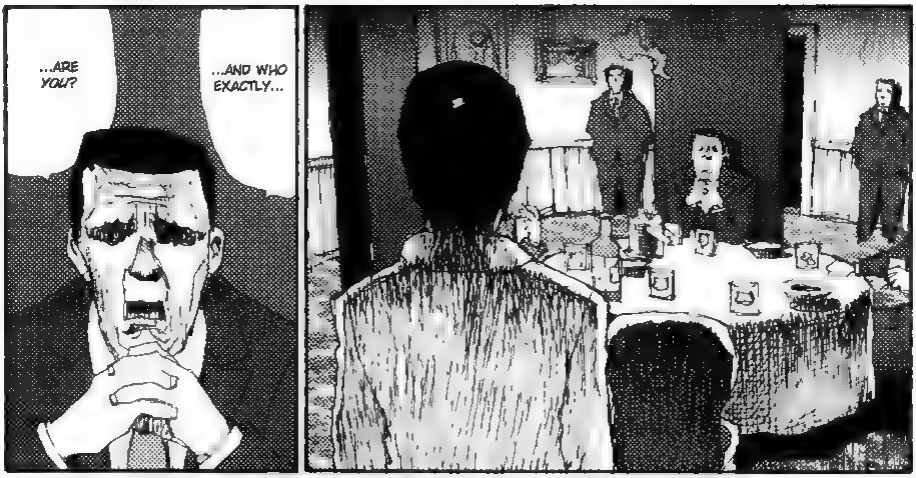
HOWEVER, WAITING AROUND WON'T SOLVE ANYTHING. EITHER WAY, HE'S STILL A THORN IN OUR SIDE...
THAT YOUNGSTER PERPLEXES ME.
A CALCULATED, INTELLIGENT STRATEGY CAN BE DEALT WITH, BUT...
IT'S NATURAL INSTINCT TO FEAR THE UNKNOWN.

Y-YES SIR!
HAVE YOU GIVEN IT SOME THOUGHT?
SO... ABOUT THE ENFORCEMENT.

IT APPEARS AS THOUGH AN ENFORCEMENT ON TANAKA IS UNLIKELY TO PASS UNDER THE CURRENT REGULATIONS.
I'VE SPOKEN WITH DIRECTOR NAGASAWA OF THE PROXY ASSOCIATION, AND...
JUST LOOK IT OVER AGAIN WITH THE AMENDMENTS WE MADE LAST MONTH. IT SHOULD MAKE IT THROUGH.
HAH-HAH-HAH, THAT SHOULDN'T BE THE CASE...
I JUST DON'T THINK THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH...
BUT SIR, THERE WERE ONLY 3 CIVIL CASES... ALL SETTLED OUTSIDE OF COURT...
THAT MAN'S CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES ARE WELL-DOCUMENTED.
DID YOU EVEN LOOK AT THE REPORT PUT TOGETHER BY OUR EXCELLENT INTELLIGENCE UNIT?
YOU'RE BEING FAR TOO LENIENT...

WHY? BECAUSE WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE MIDST OF A CRUSADE... OUR ENEMIES ARE CONSTANTLY OBSERVING OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS.
YOU SEE, THIS IS NO LONGER A SIMPLE NATIONAL DISPUTE.
YOU SEEM TO LACK AWARENESS OF THAT... LET ME REPEAT MYSELF.
MEANING THE RESULT OF THIS INTERNAL CONFLICT WILL DIRECTLY AFFECT OUR OPPORTUNITIES AND ACTIONS IN THE WAR FRONT.
NOW STAND BACK!
KEEP THAT IN MIND.
YES SIR!
IT'S PART OF A STRATEGIC MOVE THAT MAY DETERMINE THE VERY FATE OF THIS NATION.
THIS IS NO LONGER A SIMPLE NATIONAL DISPUTE.

DAMN IT- THIS IS INSANE!
HEY..! WE'RE LEAVING!
MAY I SAY ONE THING-?
UHH-
WHA..!?


...ARE YOU?
...AND WHO EXACTLY...

MY NAME IS HIGUCHI.
I'M THE OFFICE MANAGER OF THE KATSUMI AGENCY...

I WOULD LIKE TO CONDUCT ANOTHER INVESTIGATION ON TANAKA'S PERSONAL HISTORY.
IF I MAY, ...

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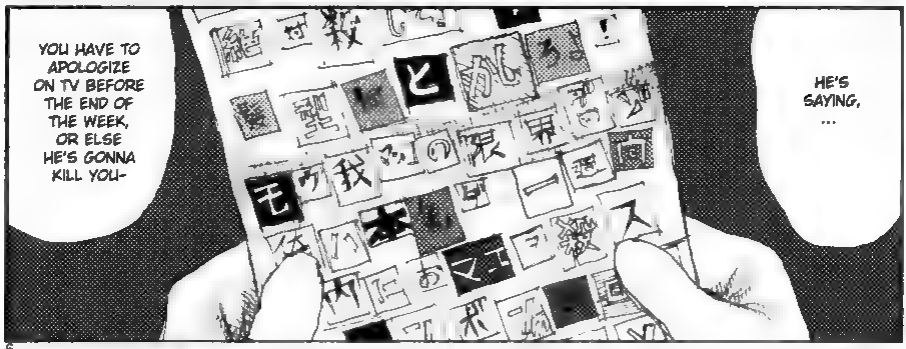
THE PROFESSORS ARE WILLING TO USE ANY MEANS NECESSARY.
REMEMBER WHAT THEY SAID, WE'RE AT WAR RIGHT NOW.
EITHER WAY, IT'S NOT LIKE THEY WERE JUST GONNA LET US OFF THE HOOK.
BUT...
THOSE GEEZERS MUST'VE GONE CRAZY FROM HAVING THEIR BACKS AGAINST THE WALL!
BUT ENFORCING A PERSON WHO WAS NEVER EVEN CHARGED WITH ANYTHING... IT'S TOTALLY INSANE!
COOL IT, WE JUST GOTTA THINK THIS THROUGH CAREFULLY.
POPS-!
HEY, I THINK THEY BUGGED THE CAR.
HUH!?
JUST KIDDING-
THEY JUST DON'T WANNA GET DRAGGED DOWN WITH US.
THE PROFESSORS ARE ON OUR SIDE.

"SO YOU DON'T RELY ON THEM, YOU USE THEM. 'CAUSE THIS STUFF IS REAL DANGEROUS."
"THE NO. 1 REASON FOR FAILURE IS GETTING CHOKED UP BY YOUR OWN CARDS."
"UNDER-STOOD?"
"OTHERWISE, IT'S GONNA BE TOO LATE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT."
HUH?
...DIRECTOR?
-ISN'T THAT RIGHT, ...

YOU GONNA EAT THE POISON AND THE DISH THEY USED TO SERVE IT?
AND? WHAT'S YOUR TAKE ON THIS?
...ALL THE STUPID STUFF, DON'T YOU.
...YOU REMEMBER ...
DON'T GET ME WRONG-
I'M NOT WILY ENOUGH TO LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE LIKE THAT.
I WOULD BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH A BETTER REPORT THAN THAT.
I JUST THOUGHT...
THEN WHAT IS IT?

IS SOMETHING WRONG?
ARE YOU SERIOUSLY PLANNING ON DOING TANAKA'S ENFORCEMENT?
WAIT A SEC, ...
THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT.
YES.

IT'S THE 5TH ONE THIS MONTH.


YOU HAVE TO APOLOGIZE ON TV BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK, OR ELSE HE'S GONNA KILL YOU-
HE'S SAYING, ...

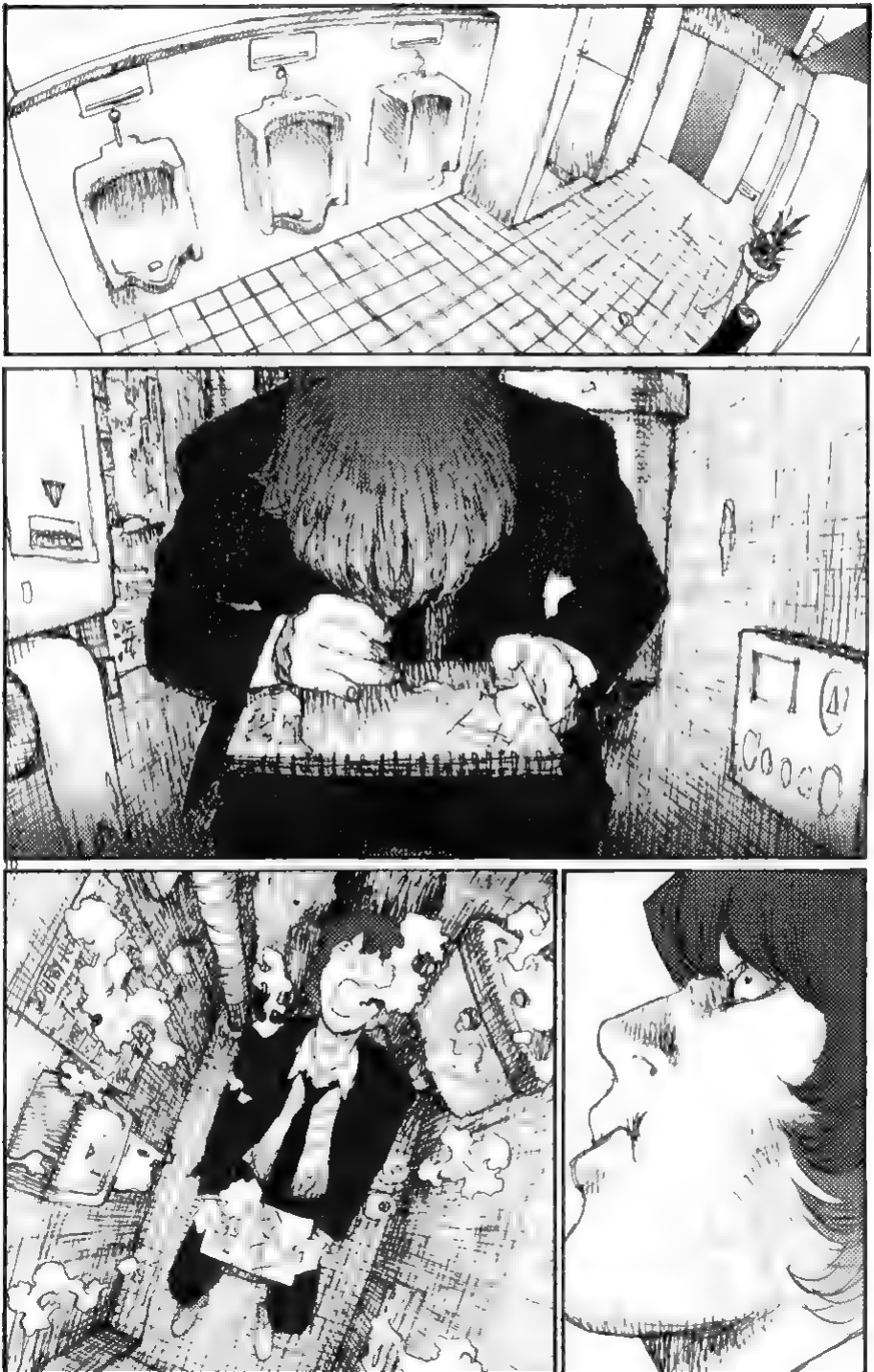
WHAT WAS IT THIS TIME?
LAST TIME THEY SENT IN A PINKY AND A BLOOD SEAL, BUT...

THERE'S NO POINT IN WORRYING ABOUT THEM.
DEATH THREATS ARE JUST THE PRICE YOU PAY FOR BEING FAMOUS.

IS IT REAL?
WHAT'S THAT?
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS PRIVACY FOR YOU ANYMORE, TANAKA-KUN.
WHAT ABOUT MY PRIVACY?
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME.
WE'LL BE STRENGTHENING OUR SECURITY A BIT MORE FROM NOW ON.
I'M HANDING IT TO THE POLICE TOMORROW.
WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
KEITA TANAKA
MEETS IN SECRET WITH OVER THE HILL SINGER
HUH?
WHAT'S THIS?

I'M THE ONE THAT ALWAYS ENDS UP BEING YELLED OUT BY YOUR BROTHERS!
YOU'VE GOTTTA BE A LITTLE BIT MORE CAREFUL..!
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND HOW CRUCIAL A TIME THIS IS, TANAKA-KUN?
OH... WELL... THAT WAS... YOU KNOW...
THEY'RE ONLY INTERESTED IN USING ME!
NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY, ALL THEY DO IS COMPLAIN. THEY NEVER ACCEPT ME FOR WHO I AM!
HAH, THAT AGAIN? JUST SHUT UP ABOUT MY BROTHERS ALREADY.
THEY'RE THE ONES THAT ARE GONNA BE IN TROUBLE!
THEY DON'T LIKE IT? I CAN QUIT THIS CLOWN JOB ANYTIME!

I'M SICK OF TAKING ORDERS!
I'M JUST GONNA DO WHAT I WANNA DO!
IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT TO SAY?
THEN WE'LL BE HEADING OVER TO SSTV IN 30 MINUTES.
YES SIR.
I'LL HEAD DOWNSTAIRS AND GET THINGS READY.
HEY... WAIT...
HUH?
...FUCK.

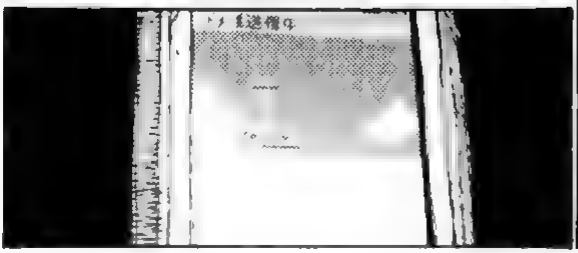


SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BRING ME THE STUFF BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK...
WHY HASN'T YO-KO CALLED ME YET?

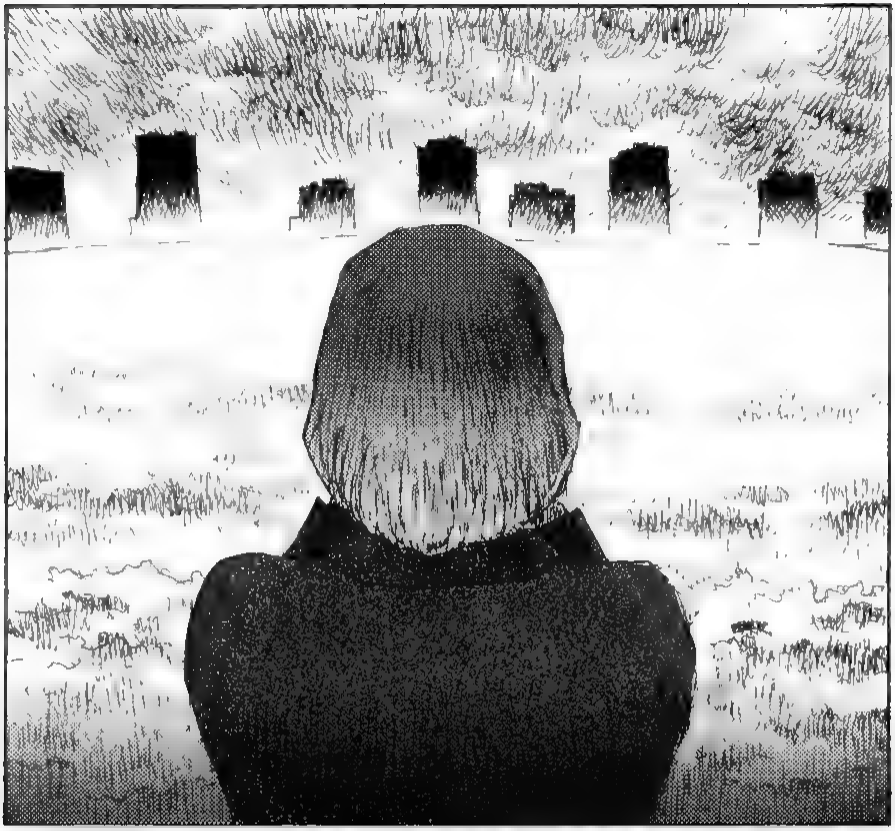
I'M ALMOST ABOUT TO RUN OUT...

DAMN IT.
TANAKA-KUN!

WE'RE GONNA BE LATE-!
ARE YOU READY, TANAKA-KUN-!?



A-
ALRIGHT.
JUST TAKE MY STUFF AND WAIT OUTSIDE!
SHUT UP-! I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!
TANAKA-KU...!
THEN I'LL MAKE MY ESCAPE WHEN THEY LEAST EXPECT IT!
IF I CAN'T RUN, I'LL JUST HAVE TO FIGHT IT OUT TILL THE END.
I CAN STILL PULL THIS OFF-!
I CAN STILL DO THIS..!



MR. KEITA TANAKA-!
THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL GUEST IS, ...

YEAH-
K-TA KU-N!
WOW- IT'S THE REAL ONE!
GET OUTTA HERE, RICH KID!
C'MON-!

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION? PART 2
LOOK, THIS ISN'T AS SIMPLE AS SAYING WAR IS BAD.
I'M NOT ARGUING AGAINST EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON IN THE GOVERNMENT RIGHT NOW.

No you goto hellwwwww

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This guy pisses me off but I get where he's coming from.

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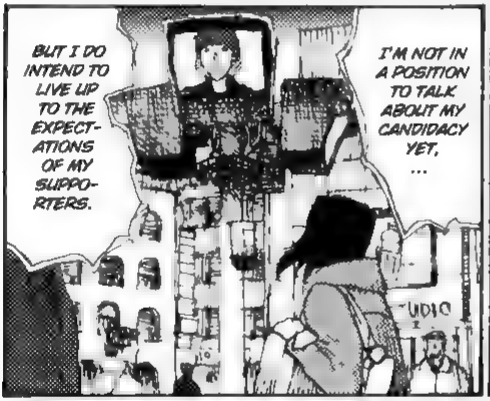


DID SOMETHING HAPPEN-?
YOU'VE BEEN ON A ROLL THESE DAYS.
YOU TOTALLY TOOK CHARGE IN THAT STUDIO.
WOW- GREAT JOB AGAIN!
IS THE CAR READY-?
I'M JUST DOING WHAT I CAN DO RIGHT NOW.
NOTHING'S HAPPENED.
HEH- HEH.

EVER SINCE THEY GOT THAT PHOTO OF ME AND YO-KO.
MAN- THOSE GUYS ARE ANNOYING- THEY'VE BEEN FOLLOWING ME AROUND, ...
APPARENTLY, THERE'S MORE OF THEM THAN USUAL.
THE PRESS IS AT THE ENTRANCE AGAIN.
JUST A MOMENT, MR. KEITA!
ONE WORD FROM YOU PLEASE, MR. TANAKA!
PLEASE, NO PUSHING-
K-TA'S COMING OUT!
HEY!
HUH?
NO... IT'S NOT ABOUT THAT.
I TOLD YOU I'VE BEEN TOO BUSY TO MEET WITH YO-KO-CHAN.
GEEZ- YOU PEOPLE ARE ANNOYING- YOU ALL NEED TO GET A LIFE.

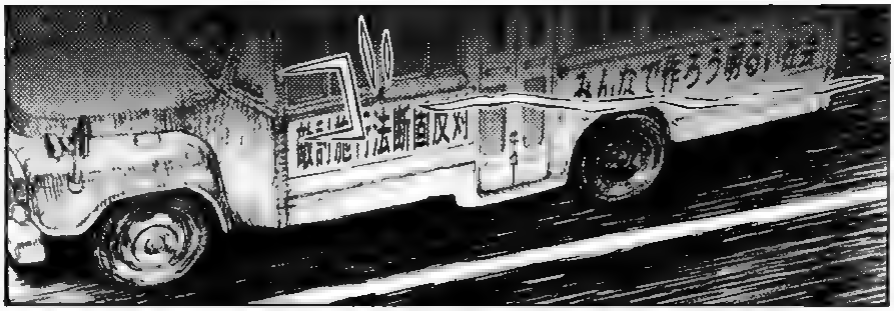
SHE WAS RELEASED ON BAIL JUST NOW! THE MEDIA DIDN'T KNOW TILL THIS MORNING EITHER-!
DIDN'T YOU KNOW THAT MS. YO-KO WAS ARRESTED FOR ILLEGAL DRUG POSSESSION LAST WEEK!?

HUH..?

WHAT'RE YOU DOING BOBBY, GET TANAKA-KUN TO THE CAR!
WHY AREN'T YOU SAYING ANYTHING-? PLEASE ANSWER THE QUESTION, MR. TANAKA!
OH... YES SIR.

...TAKING THE DRUGS TOGETHER..?
WERE YOU BY ANY CHANCE, ...

WERE YOU AWARE THAT SHE WAS IN POSSESSION OF DRUGS, MR. KEITA?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JUST ANSWER ME HONESTLY.
LOOK, TANAKA-KUN.

WEREN'T THERE TIMES WHEN YOU DID DRUGS TOGETHER?
YOU'VE BEEN TO HER ROOM ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

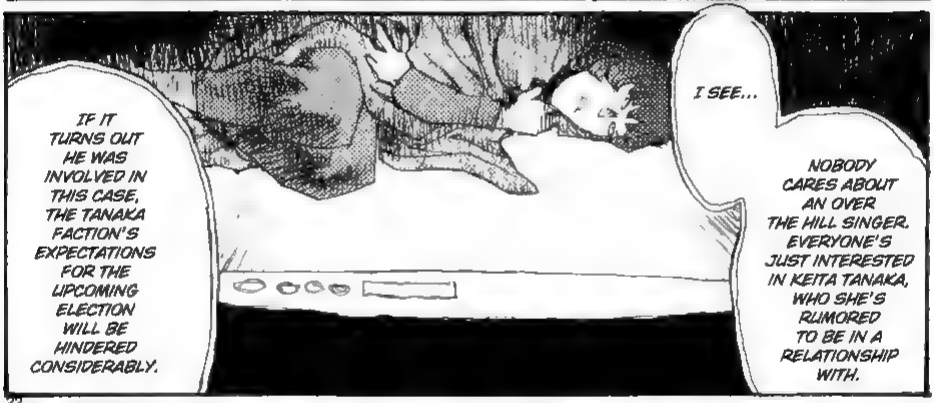
...WHAT.

N-NO WAY...

T-THIS THING ISN'T LIGHTING UP.
HAH-HAH-HAH!
...HASN'T TOLD THE POLICE ANYTHING ABOUT YOU.
WHICH MEANS... YO-KO-CHAN, ...
WE JUST GOT A CALL FROM THE POLICE SAYING THEY WANT TO TALK TO YOU. AS A WITNESS.
YOU CAN TELL ME WHAT REALLY HAPPENED.
THE MEDIA'S MAKING A HUGE DEAL OUT OF THIS, OKAY?
YOU CAN NEVER TRUST WOMEN.
BUT IF YOU DID DO IT, THERE'S NO TELLING WHEN SHE MIGHT FESS UP.
BESIDES... THINGS WILL GET EVEN MESSIER IF THEY FIND OUT AFTERWARDS.
TICK
THEY'LL BE ABLE TO ARRANGE SOMETHING...
IF YOU DID, I'LL TALK TO YOUR BROTHERS ABOUT THIS.

...WHAT DO YOU MEAN I'LL TALK TO THEM...
AND I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE DRUGS.
I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING TO PISS OFF MY BROTHERS.
WHAT WAS THAT?
HUH?
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT CRAP.
THERE'S A SHITLOAD OF STUFF I STILL HAVE TO DO!

...RETURNED TO HER APARTMENT BUILDING AFTER BEING RELEASED ON BAIL EARLIER TODAY.
FORMER PUSSYKITTEN GIRL AND CURRENT OVER THE HILL SINGER YO-KO, AKA NOBUKO IMAICHI, AGE 22-


IF IT TURNS OUT HE WAS INVOLVED IN THIS CASE, THE TANAKA FACTION'S EXPECTATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTION WILL BE HINDERED CONSIDERABLY.
I SEE...
NOBODY CARES ABOUT AN OVER THE HILL SINGER. EVERYONE'S JUST INTERESTED IN KEITA TANAKA, WHO SHE'S RUMORED TO BE IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH.

YO-KO IS EXPECTED TO GIVEN AN EXPLANATION OF THE INCIDENT HERSELF.
YO-KO'S AGENCY WILL BE HOLDING AN EMERGENCY PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW AT THE REQUEST OF THE MEDIA.

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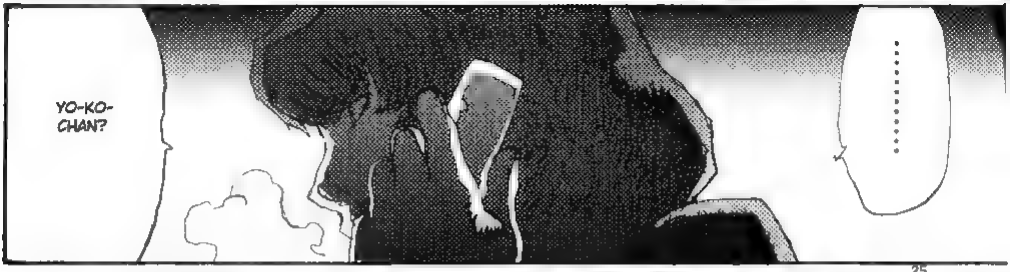
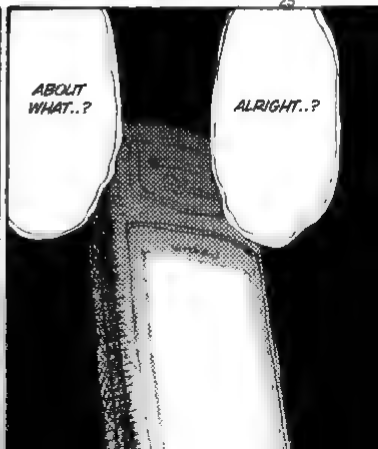
YO-KO
YO-KO-CHAN?
H-HELLO?
THUD
THUD
THUD

I... GOT CAUGHT.
I'M SORRY, KEI-KUN...
...OHH- REALLY..? HEH-HEH- HEH...
...HAH-HAH, DON'T WORRY 'BOUT IT.
YOU WERE ALWAYS A KLUTZ. IT'S JUST LIKE YOU.
OH- ALRIGHT THEN.
...YEAH, I'M FINE. I'M ALONE...
BY THE WAY, IS IT OKAY FOR YOU TO BE ON THE PHONE RIGHT NOW?
SORRY ABOUT CALLING YOU SO SUDDENLY, KEI-KUN...
I JUST WANTED TO HEAR YOUR VOICE...
NO, IT'S OKAY... ANYWAYS, LISTEN-
I'LL HANG UP SOON... I'M REALLY SORRY.

THEY'RE GONNA ASK LOTS OF QUESTIONS, ...
...SO I WAS WONDERING IF THINGS ARE GONNA BE ALRIGHT.
YOU'RE GONNA DO A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW... RIGHT?


YO-KO-CHAN?
.....

AND IF MY NAME GETS OUT THERE, A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE ARE GONNA GET IN TROUBLE TOO-
SEE, IT'LL GIVE MY BROTHERS ANOTHER REASON TO RIP ON ME...
MY BROTHERS ARE PISSY ABOUT THIS STUFF. REALLY.
I'LL GET IN TROUBLE IF YOU PUT MY NAME UP THERE.
WELL, YOU KNOW...


ABOUT WHAT..?
ALRIGHT..?

SAY YOU LOVE ME..!
I'M SCARED, KEI-KUN!
I'M SCARED...
NO, LOOK...
A-ALRIGHT...
SAY YOU LOVE ME.
WHAT?
HUH?
KEI-KUN...
SO TOMOR-ROW...

HELLO?
...KEI-KUN?
HEY... KEI-KUN... I'M BEGGING YOU...

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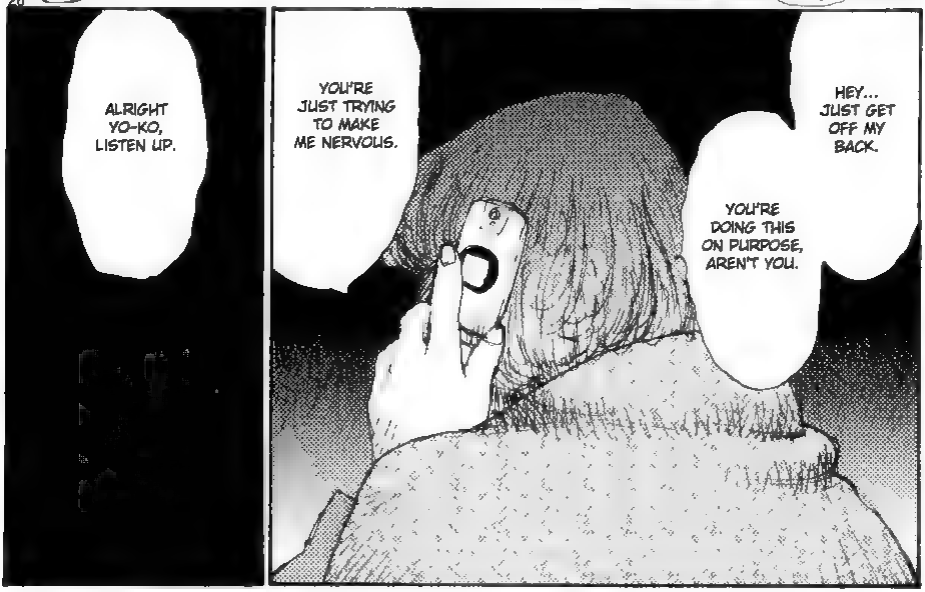
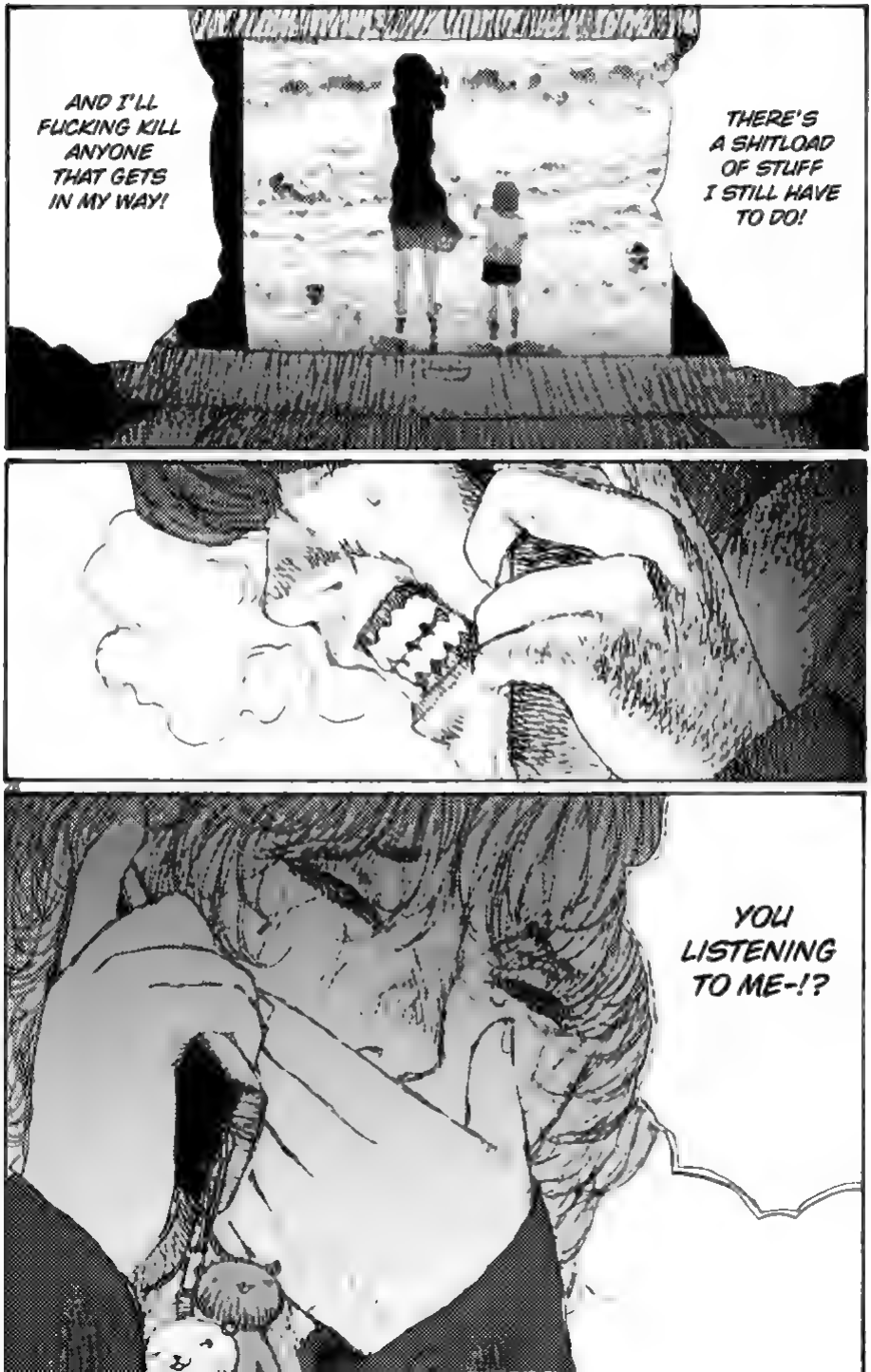

ALRIGHT YO-KO, LISTEN UP.
YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO MAKE ME NERVOUS.
YOU'RE DOING THIS ON PURPOSE, AREN'T YOU.
HEY... JUST GET OFF MY BACK.

DON'T YOU DARE SAY ANYTHING ABOUT ME TOMORROW!
YOU BETTER NOT LET THOSE GUYS TRICK YOU INTO TALKING, YOU DUMB BROAD!
YOU SAY ANYTHING-
AND I'LL FUCKING KILL YOU! YOU GOT THAT!?


AND I'LL FUCKING KILL ANYONE THAT GETS IN MY WAY!
THERE'S A SHITLOAD OF STUFF I STILL HAVE TO DO!
YOU LISTENING TO ME-!?

YOU SAY ANYTHING- AND I'LL FUCKING KILL YOU!
DON'T YOU DARE SAY ANYTHING ABOUT ME TOMORROW!
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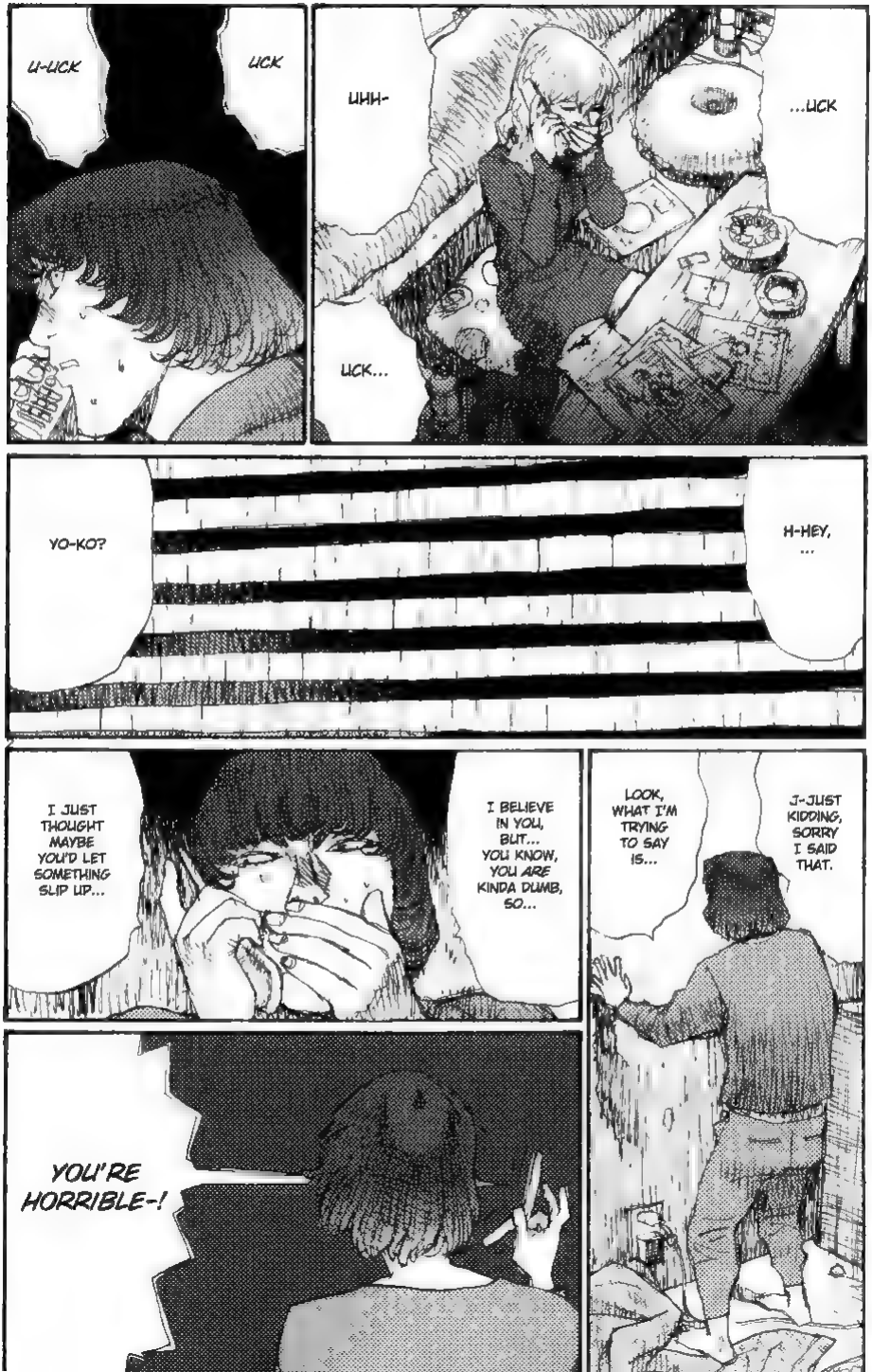
YOU LISTENING TO ME, YO-KO!?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UCK...
YO-KO?
H-HEY, ...
I JUST THOUGHT MAYBE YOU'D LET SOMETHING SLIP UP...
I BELIEVE IN YOU, BUT... YOU KNOW, YOU ARE KINDA DUMB, SO...
LOOK, WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS...
J-JUST KIDDING, SORRY I SAID THAT.
YOU'RE HORRIBLE-!

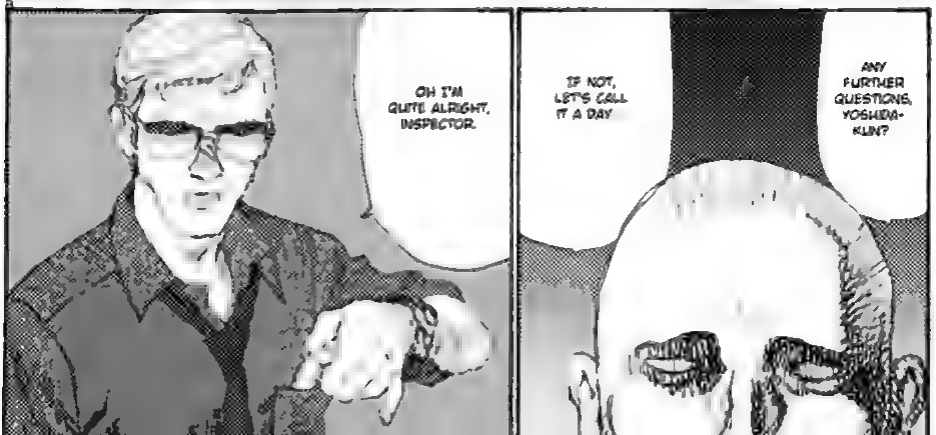
LOOK...
WHA... CALM DOWN.
HOW CAN YOU BE SO SELF-CENTERED-!
YOU'RE A MORON, KEI-KUN-!
WHAT KIND OF PERSON DO YOU TAKE ME FOR-!?
I JUST WANTED YOU TO SAY YOU LOVE ME-!
I JUST WANTED TO HEAR KEI-KUN'S VOICE-!
IT'S TOO LATE, STUPID!
I LOVE YOU-

GOODBYE KEN-CHAN
WHAT DO YOU MEAN GOODBYE?
—ISN'T IT
IT'S OVER FOR US
YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO TOMORROW'S PRESS CONFERENCE.

HEY, YOU LISTENING TO ME YO-KO-!?
WAIT UP, DAMN IT!
BEEP
HEY..!
HEY, DON'T YOU FUCKING HANG UP ON ME..!
YO-KO-!

YOU,
...
FUCKING BITCH-!
I'M GONNA DROWN IF THIS KEEPS GOING ON..!
SHIT..!
TRYING TO MAKE A FOOL OUT OF ME..!
I AM GONNA FUCKING KILL HER!
THAT BITCH..!

WHERE IS IT-
WHERE
I KNOW I STILL HAD SOME
SHIT!


ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, YOSHIDA-KUN?
IF NOT, LET'S CALL IT A DAY
OH I'M QUITE ALRIGHT, INSPECTOR.

SORRY TO TAKE TIME OUT OF YOUR BUSY DAY LIKE THIS.
YES, NO PROBLEM.
I CAN GO HOME?
THAT'S IT?
RIGHT- OF COURSE NOT.
I TRY NOT TO GET INVOLVED.
HAH-HAH-HAH, I'M NOT INTERESTED IN THAT KIND OF STUFF.
WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT NOBUKO IMAICHI'S NARCOTICS POSSESSION, BUT...
WE'RE TERRIBLY SORRY. EVEN IF IT IS OUR JOB.
CALLING IN A MAN WHO'S ABOUT TO TAKE ON THE GOVERNMENT FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS...

I DON'T MIND COOPERATING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT.
HAH-HAH... NO PROBLEM.

IT'S JUST A SIMPLE TEST.
IT WON'T TAKE LONG.
JUST ONE MORE TIME..?
THEN COULD WE ASK FOR YOUR COOPERATION, ...

...AN URINE SAMPLE FOR US.
WE'D LIKE YOU TO PROVIDE, ...

WAIT...
HEY KIYOTA, BRING OVER THE TESTING KIT-!
THAT'S...
OH... NO...
W-WELL NO, BUT...
WHAT? DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH BEING TESTED?
THEN LET'S DO IT.
WAIT A SECOND!
LET'S TAKE IT EASY, HAH-HAH-HAH.
IT'LL BE OVER IN 5 MINUTES.

TRRRRR
TRRRRR
TRRRRR
WE JUST NEED ENOUGH TO FILL A SYRINGE-!
ARE YOU DONE YET, MR. TANAKA-?
THE ONE TIME I ACTUALLY NEED THEM...
SHIT... WHY AREN'T MY BROTHERS ANSWERING..!?

LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH-!
MR. TANAKA-!
IT'S BEEN HALF A DAY SINCE THAT LAST DOSE... DOES IT STAY IN YOUR SYSTEM FOR THAT LONG..?
ヤカ ?。
WAIT A SEC... MAYBE IF I THIN IT WITH WATER-
MR. TANAKA-
ANY DAY NOW-

ASSHOLE-!
I'M NOT DRUNK, YOU HEAR-!?

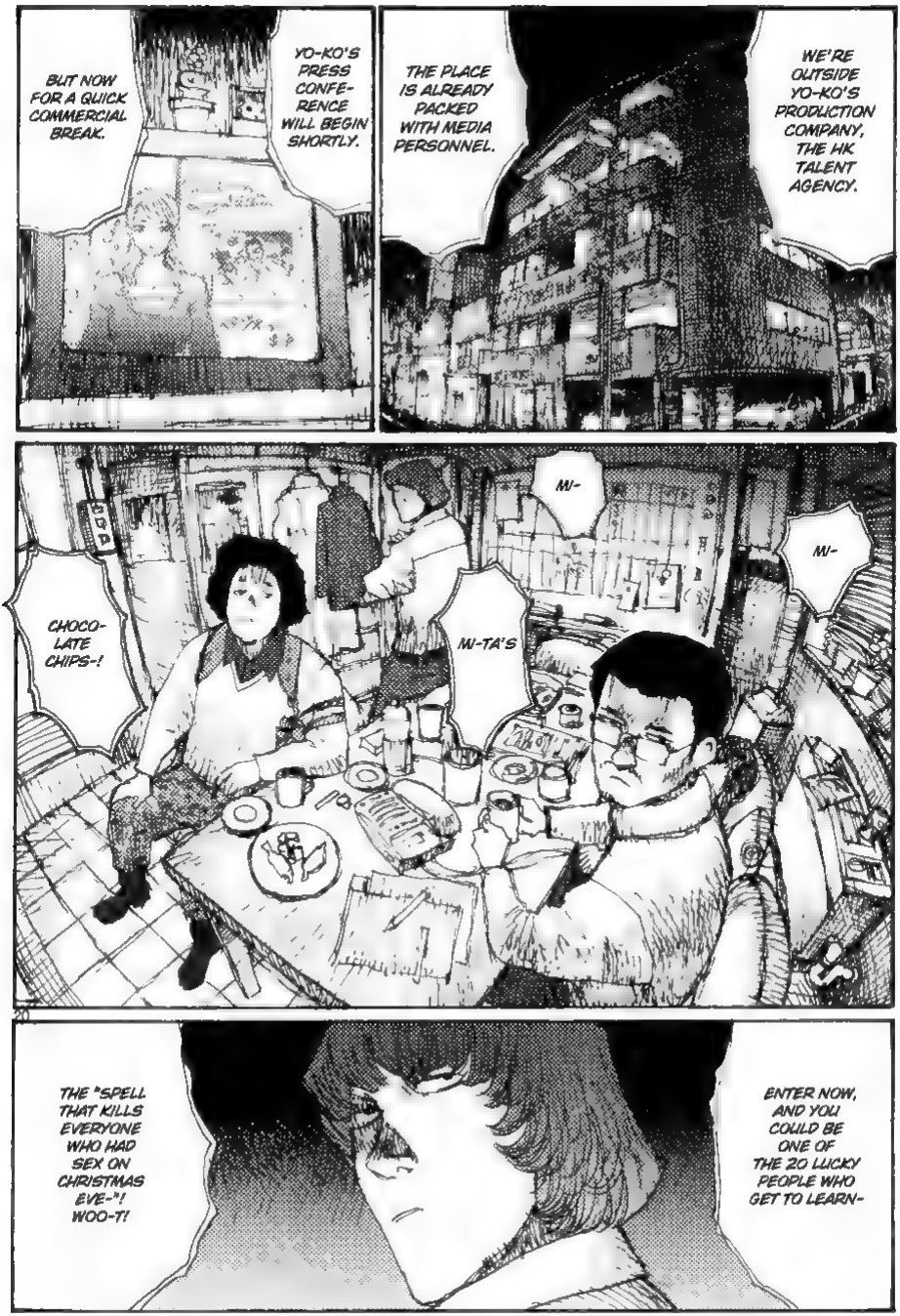
YOU CAN GO HOME NOW.
OKAY, THANKS A BUNCH.
YEAH- THAT SOUNDS GOOD.
THE MEDIA'S OUTSIDE, SO I'LL DRIVE YOU OUT THE BACK.
HUH?
SO, WAS IT ALRIGHT?
UHH-

SURE, IT WAS ALRIGHT-
.....

YOU GUYS SET UP THAT DRUG TEST TOO, DIDN'T YOU.
YOU KNEW THE POLICE CALLED ME IN, RIGHT, BIG BRO?
GUESS WE'RE ALWAYS GONNA BE THE ONES COVERING YOUR ASS.
THAT'S THE BEST YOU COULD COME UP WITH, HUH?
THE DETECTIVE SAID THINNING IT OUT WITH WATER WOULDN'T CHANGE THE RESULTS.

THE THREE OF US LAUGHED OUR ASSES OFF EACH TIME YOU RANG.
BIG BRO~
THEN WHY'D YOU CALL SO MANY TIMES?
I DON'T REMEMBER ASKING YOU TO COVER MY ASS.
HAH.
HEY HEY, THERE'S NO NEED FOR VIOLENCE.
YOU WERE PRETENDING TO BE OUT-!?
FUCKING ASSHOLE..!
IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE YOU. WE'VE GOT OTHER OPTIONS.
YOU CAN QUIT IF YOU WANT TO.

BUT YOU'VE GOT TO PAY A PRICE IF YOU'RE QUITTING AFTER COMING THIS FAR.
AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS, NOBODY'S GONNA BE NICE ENOUGH TO COVER YOUR ASS.
YOU BETTER BE PREPARED.
IF YOU'RE ALRIGHT WITH THAT, ...
THEN WE WON'T HOLD YOU BACK.
GO AHEAD. QUIT.


BUT NOW FOR A QUICK COMMERCIAL BREAK.
YO-KO'S PRESS CONFE-RENCE WILL BEGIN SHORTLY.
THE PLACE IS ALREADY PACKED WITH MEDIA PERSONNEL.
WE'RE OUTSIDE YO-KO'S PRODUCTION COMPANY, THE HK TALENT AGENCY.
CHOCO-LATE CHIPS-!
MI-TA'S
MI-
MI-
THE "SPELL THAT KILLS EVERYONE WHO HAD SEX ON CHRISTMAS EVE-"! WOO-T!
ENTER NOW, AND YOU COULD BE ONE OF THE 20 LUCKY PEOPLE WHO GET TO LEARN-

YOU TOLD MY BROTHERS I WAS GOING TO THE POLICE, DIDN'T YOU.
HEY, YOSHIDA-KUN.
IN FRONT OF THE AGENCY.
AND NOW BACK TO OUR LIVE FEED, ...
JUST DOING MY JOB.
OH, ...
IT LOOKS LIKE SOME-THING'S HAPPENING AT THE SCENE..!
WHAT IS SHE GONNA DO?
BIG BRO MUST'VE INTIMIDATED YO-KO'S AGENCY TOO...

HAS APPEARED IN FRONT OF THE CAMERAS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMPANY PRESIDENT-!
FORMER PUSSYKITTEN GIRL AND CURRENT OVER THE HILL SINGER YO-KO, AKA NOBUKO IMAICHI,...
TO THE FANS AND ALL PARTIES CONCERNED WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THIS INCIDENT.
F-FIRST, WE'D LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES,...
WE DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT-! JUST GIVE US SOME INFO ON KEITA TANAKA-!
AS FOR YO-KO'S CAREER, SHE WILL SERVE HER SENTENCE, AND...

I FEEL SORRY FOR HER... SHE MUST'VE BEEN CRYING.
YO-KO...
SHE LOOKS LIKE A PANDA.
WHOA, CHECK OUT THOSE RINGS UNDER HER EYES.
AND WE'VE BEEN TOLD THE RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE! BUT WHAT'S THE REAL STORY ON THAT-!?
THE POLICE ADMINISTERED A DRUG TEST ON MR. TANAKA WHEN HE CAME IN FOR QUESTIONING EARLIER TODAY-!
ARE YOU REALLY SORRY ABOUT WHAT YOU DID?
WHY DON'T YOU SAY SOMETHING, MS. YO-KO!
SAY SOMETHING, YO-KO CHAN!
YOU MET MR. TANAKA ABOUT A YEAR AGO, RIGHT-?
WERE YOU DOING DRUGS THAT WHOLE TIME?

HUH?
TELL THEM, YO-KO.
YEAH.
LIKE YOU SAID YESTERDAY.
TELL THEM WHAT REALLY HAPPENED.
CAN'T YOU SPEAK UP ALREADY-!?
WHAT!? WE CAN'T HEAR YOU-!
AND LIFT UP YOUR FACE! MAN, THIS IS IRRITATING!
R-R-REALLY, AH... AH WUZ...
A-AH WUZ...
RUB RUB

HEY, CALM DOWN K-TA KUN...
GO ON, YO-KO! I'VE GOT YOUR BACK-!
C'MON-! DON'T LET THOSE BASTARDS INTIMIDATE YOU-!
TELL THEM! TELL THEM YOU'RE INNOCENT! TELL THEM THE ONE USING THE DRUGS WAS..!
PLEASE, YO-KO!
TELL THEM THE TRUTH-!
OR ELSE I'M..! I'M..!

AH WUZ THE ONE USIN' ALL 'EM DRUGS-!
IT WUZ ME-!
YO-KO...
YO-
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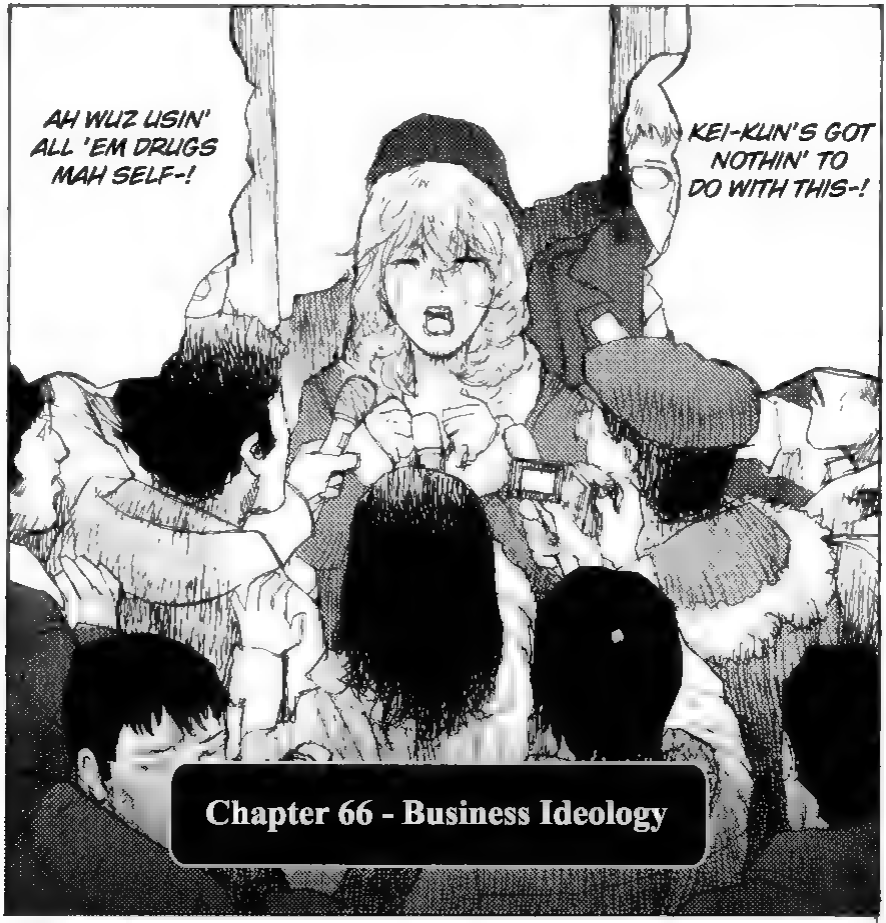

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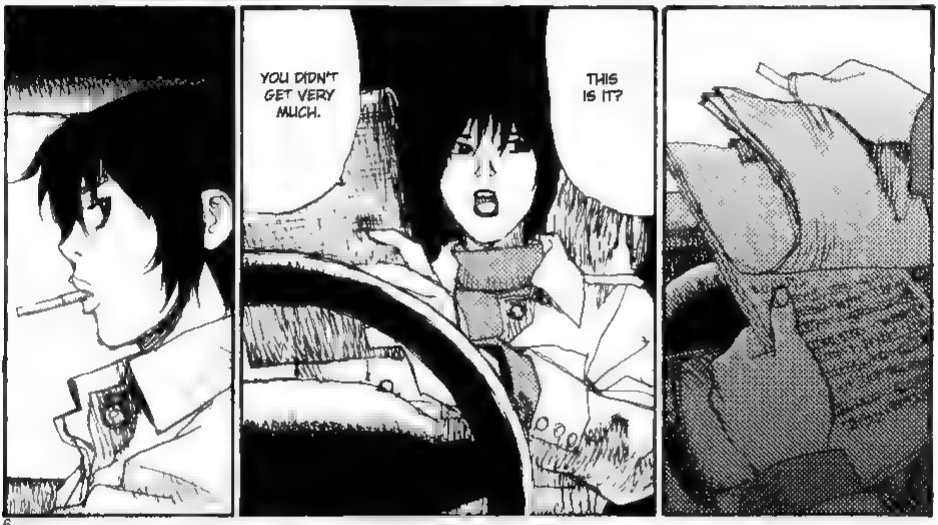
AH'M SO SORRYYY!
IT WUZ ALL MAH FAULT-!
WE'VE GOT A MEETING TOMORROW MORNING, SO DON'T BE LATE.
LET'S CALL IT A DAY.
HEY, DID MY BROTHER HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS?
HE INTIMIDATED YO-KO'S AGENCY, DIDN'T HE.

ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
YOU NEVER TOOK THE DRUGS IN THE FIRST PLACE.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT... WHY WOULD WE NEED TO INTIMIDATE HER?
BUT SHE GOES AND BURDENS YOU LIKE THIS... IT'S UNBELIEV-ABLE, REALLY.
YO-KO-CHAN NEEDS TO LEARN HER PLACE TOO. SHE MUST'VE KNOWN HOW CRUCIAL A TIME THIS IS FOR YOU,...
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
WH-
YOU SHOULD BE MORE CAUTIOUS WITH YOUR CHOICE OF WOMEN.
...WILL EVENTUALLY COME BACK TO HAUNT YOU.
CARELESS ACTIONS, ...

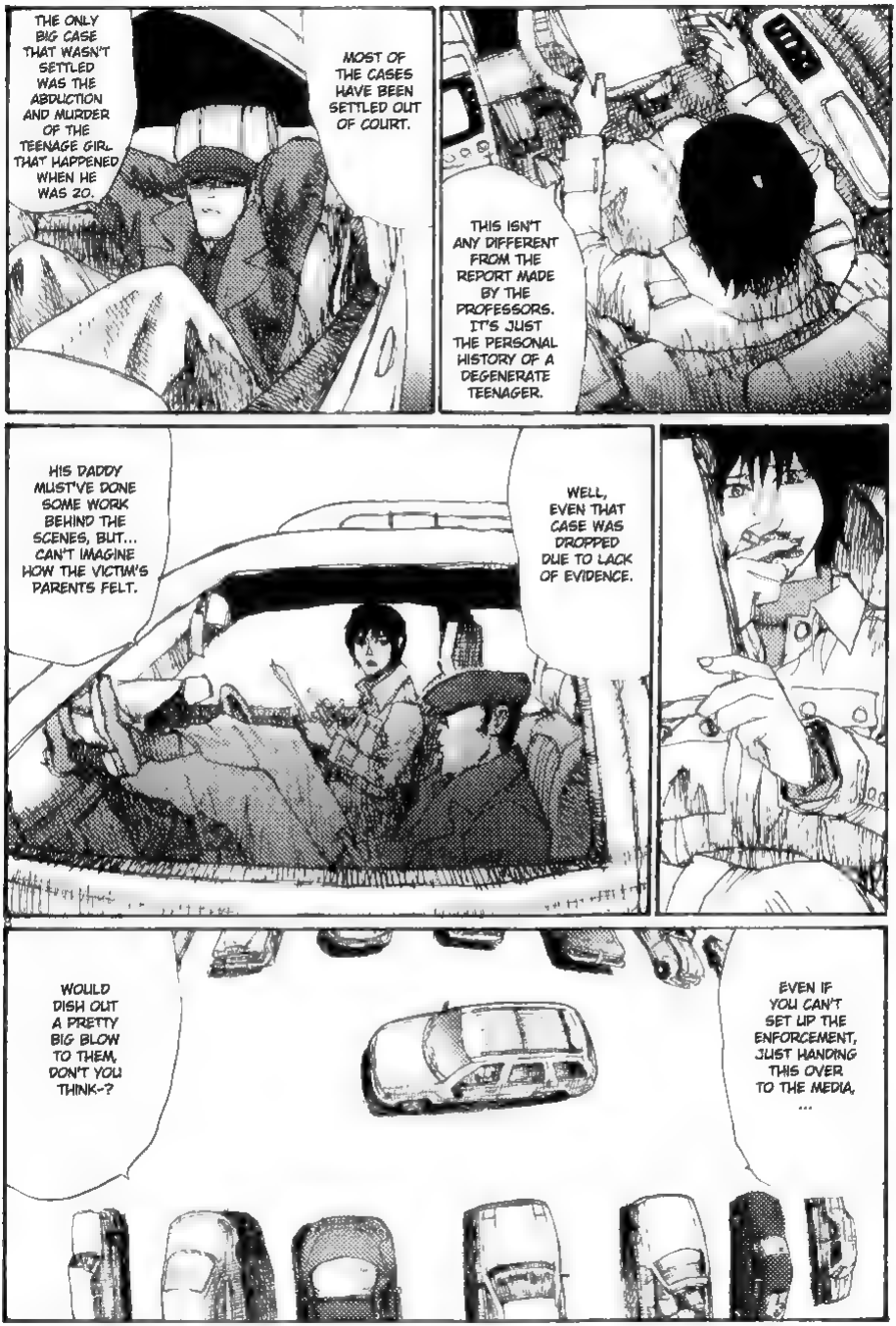
L-
LET GO, BOBBY!
HEY, WAIT A SEC..!
UCK.
...WERE DEFINITELY REAL!
THOSE TEARS, ...
YOU CAN'T FORCE YOURSELF TO CRY LIKE THAT..! THERE'S NO WAY SHE WAS JUST PRETENDING!
SNORT
DON'T YOU GET IT, TANAKA-KUN!?

I FEEL SO SORRY FOR YO-KO-CHAN-!
BUT YOU'RE STILL BEING ALL SUSPICIOUS..!
UP NEXT IS THE WEATHER FORECAST.
THAT CONCLUDES OUR LIVE FEED FROM OUTSIDE THE AGENCY.


YOU DIDN'T GET VERY MUCH.
THIS IS IT?

WHAT.

NO, I'M JUST TALKING ABOUT THE WEATHER.
IS THAT SOME SORT OF METAPHOR? I DON'T GET IT.
LOOKS LIKE IT'S GONNA SNOW...
YOU'RE QUITE THE CHALLENGER, MS. HIGUCHI-
I WAS WONDERING WHY YOU WANTED KEITA TANAKA'S REPORT, BUT...
YOU'RE SERIOUSLY PLANNING ON SETTING UP AN EN-FORCEMENT?
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. WE'RE DONE TALKING ABOUT THE WEATHER. LET'S GET BACK TO BUSINESS.
WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH SNOW?


THE ONLY BIG CASE THAT WASN'T SETTLED WAS THE ABDUCTION AND MURDER OF THE TEENAGE GIRL THAT HAPPENED WHEN HE WAS 20.
MOST OF THE CASES HAVE BEEN SETTLED OUT OF COURT.
THIS ISN'T ANY DIFFERENT FROM THE REPORT MADE BY THE PROFESSORS. IT'S JUST THE PERSONAL HISTORY OF A DEGENERATE TEENAGER.
HIS DADDY MUST'VE DONE SOME WORK BEHIND THE SCENES, BUT... CAN'T IMAGINE HOW THE VICTIM'S PARENTS FELT.
WELL, EVEN THAT CASE WAS DROPPED DUE TO LACK OF EVIDENCE.
WOULD DISH OUT A PRETTY BIG BLOW TO THEM, DON'T YOU THINK-?
EVEN IF YOU CAN'T SET UP THE ENFORCEMENT, JUST HANDING THIS OVER TO THE MEDIA, ...

REALLY IS OBSESSED WITH HER JOB...
THIS WOMAN...
ARE YOU LISTENING, MS HIGUCHI?
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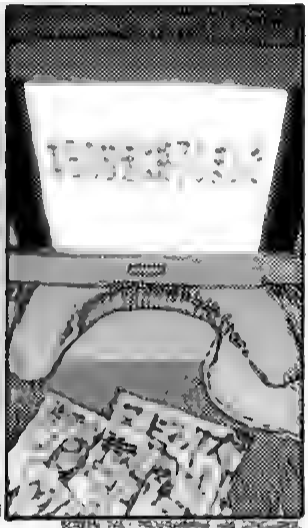
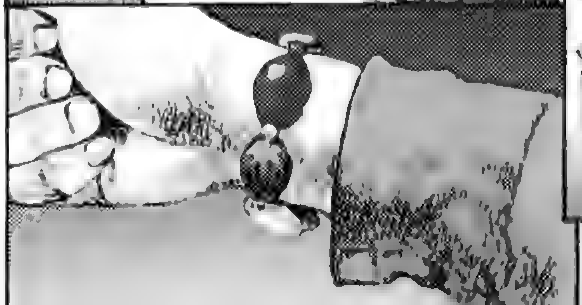
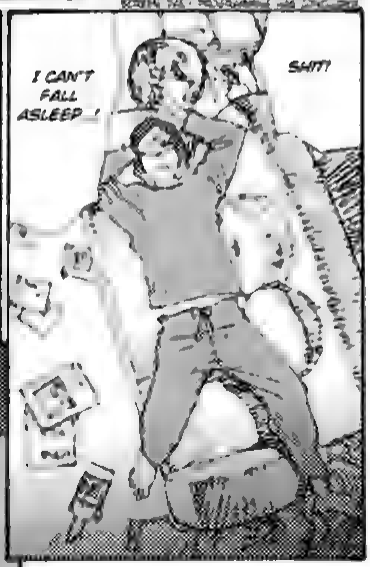
THIS LATE ALREADY?






I CAN'T FALL ASLEEP...!
SHIT!

FRONT ENTRANCE IS ALL CLEAR.
STAY ON YOUR TOES OUT THERE.
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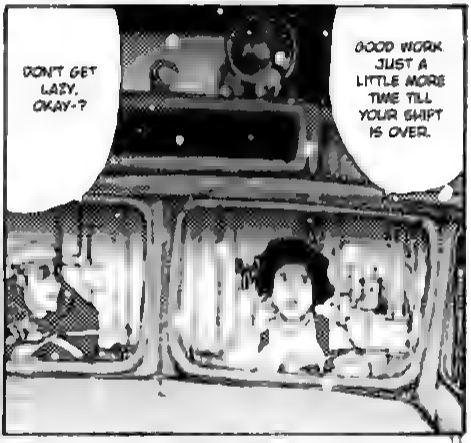
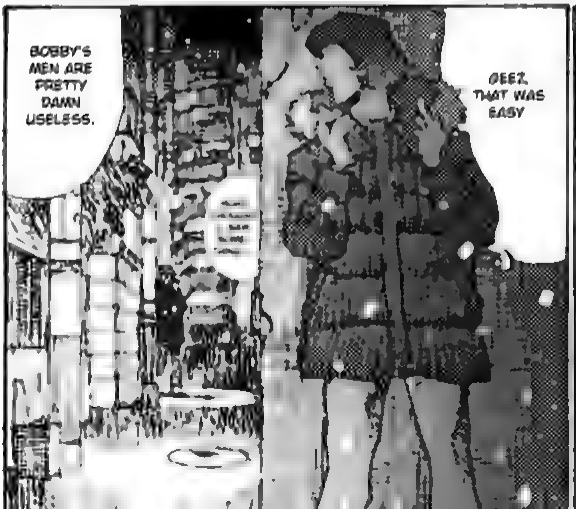
NOT A STRAY CAT IN THE BACK, EITHER.

YOU SHOULD GET SOME SLEEP TOO, MR. BOBBY-
YES SIR.


DON'T GET LAZY, OKAY-?
GOOD WORK. JUST A LITTLE MORE TIME TILL YOUR SHIFT IS OVER.


BOBBY'S MEN ARE PRETTY DAMN USELESS.
GEEZ, THAT WAS EASY

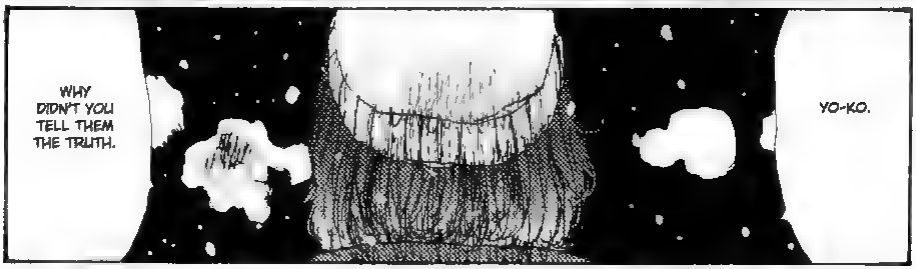
MAN, IT'S CHILLY TONIGHT

THAT'LL BE 2,600 YEN.
3 CHOCOLATE MUSHROOMS, 3 MELONPANS AND 2 POCKY MEGAPACKS...
SHE CUT HER HAIR, BUT THOSE PANDA EYES... NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.
HEY, THAT WAS YO-KO, WASN'T IT?
THANKS A BUNCH-

SHUFF SHUFF
CHOMP CHOMP
HUCK HUCK

YOU'RE GONNA GAIN WEIGHT AGAIN.
SHADES AT NIGHT?
CUT DOWN ON THE JUNK FOOD.
LUCKY YOU...
THE MEDIA HASN'T STAKED OUT YOUR PLACE, HUH...
!
YO-KO!
UCK..!
HUH?

YOU WERE JUST STANDING THERE ALL OF A SUDDEN...
GEEZ- I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA DIE...
IT'S DANGEROUS, YOU KNOW-
TOLD YOU NOT TO GO OUT WALKING AT NIGHT BY YOURSELF...
NO REASON... JUST FELT LIKE IT.
WHY'D YOU CUT YOUR HAIR?
OH YEAH-?
STUPID DOCTOR WON'T GIVE ME SLEEPING PILLS...
OHH... YOU TOO, HUH?
AND I GOT KINDA HUNGRY.
BUT I COULDN'T FALL ASLEEP...


WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL THEM THE TRUTH.
YO-KO.

YOU TOLD ME NOT TO SAY ANYTHING!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN ...?

HUH?

YOU ALWAYS SAY THINGS JUST TO GET AWAY FROM THE SPOT..!
STOP FLIP-FLOPPING LIKE THAT!
BUT YOU'RE INNOCENT, THOUGH...
I WAS JUST...
WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...
YOU CAN'T STEP DOWN JUST LIKE THAT. A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE DEPENDING ON YOU.
LOTS OF PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED IN YOUR LIFE NOW. YOU'RE NOT BY YOURSELF!
LOOK, KEI-KUN... YOU'RE NOT ALONE ANYMORE.
...COMPARED TO THAT.
MY PROBLEMS ARE NOTHING, ...

IT'S NOT ABOUT GOOD OR BAD... IT'S JUST WHAT I HAVE TO DO.
I KNOW WHAT'S EXPECTED OF ME. SO I KNOW WHEN TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS.

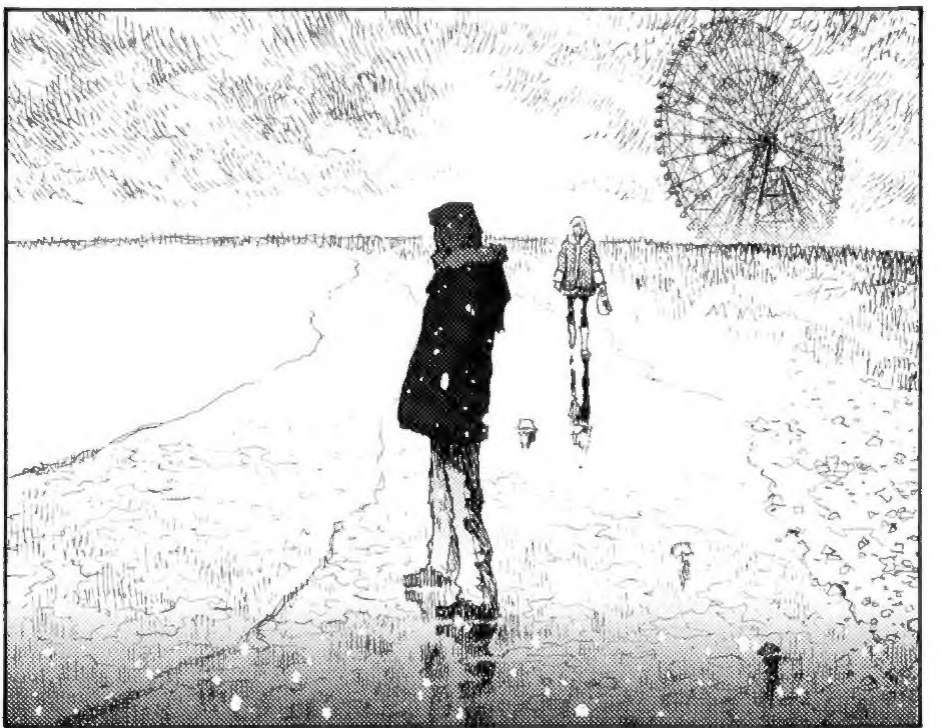
...LITTLE CHILDREN ANYMORE.
WE'RE NOT, ...

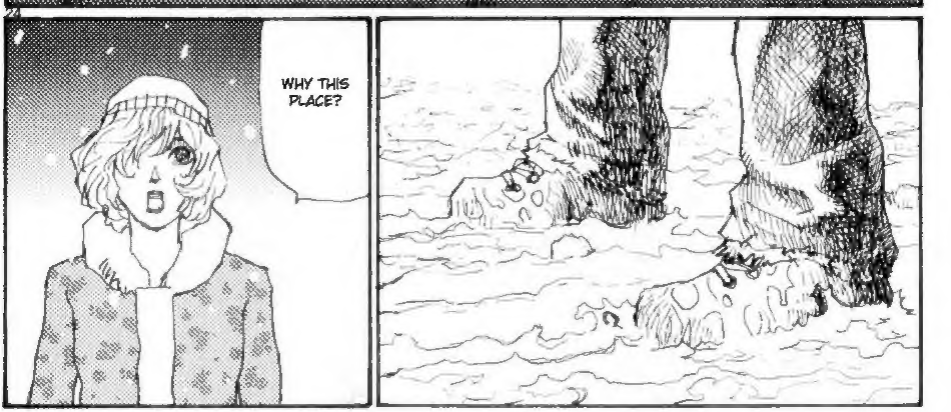
BIG BRO?
I JUST THOUGHT BIG BRO GOT TO YOU FIRST...

.....

IT DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME.
BUT I HATE TAKING ORDERS FROM PEOPLE, SO-
OH YEAH- I THINK MY MANAGER WAS TRYING TO TELL ME SOME- THING ...
HUH?
YOU WERE SO MATURE...
I NEVER REALIZED, ...
WH- WHAT.
WHOA!
REALLY?
R-

WHAT'S WRONG?
KEI-KUN..?
A WALK?
WANNA TAKE A WALK TILL THE SUN GOES UP?
HEY...




WHY THIS PLACE?

I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE.
I CAME HERE WITH MY MOTHER.
WITH YOUR DEAD MOTHER?
THEN IT MUST'VE BEEN A LONG TIME AGO.
BUT, NOTHING'S CHANGED.
I WAS STILL A KID.

THE WAVES... THE LIGHT...
THE TEMP-ERATURE...
THE WIND.
LOOK AT THE SKY.
AROUND HERE.
TIME STOPPED FLOWING~
IT'S EXACTLY AS IT WAS BACK THEN.

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